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GREETING THE WAITING CROWD, Santa Claus steps from the plane after flying in to Carmel Valley from the North Pole for the 33rd straight year. He then led a festive parade to the Community Center. For a story and more photographs on Santa's visit, see pages 14 and 15 and additional photos on page 17.
Sun photo by Stan Hall

Local Stores Report Mixed Holiday Sales

By Carolyn Rice

Local merchants report mixed results with their holiday sales. Some are singing the recession blues, reporting sales down by as much as 10 percent, while others report everything's rosy.

Nearly all agree that shoppers are more price and value conscious this year, and some said they're being hurt by the number of big chain stores moving into the region.

"Last week was the best sales week I've had since I've been open," said Nancy Caldwell at The Last Chance, a speciality shop in Carmel Valley Village.

"Absolutely fabulous," agreed Wes Stoddard, describing sales at his Sportwise shop on Dolores Avenue in Carmel. He said he added a high-end line of fashion ski wear to his warmup selection which has always sold well. The ski wear sales have been the "frosting on the cake," he said.

"Our business is almost 100 percent local," he said. "At this time of year, you don't depend on people from out of town. You can't."

Toni Jepson, executive director of the Carmel Business Association, said she's getting "mixed reviews" from members. "Some say they are having the best year ever," she said. "The business is there, but you have to go out and get it."

Inns, restaurants and retailers all report plenty of potential buyers, Jepson said, "but they are looking for value."

At Brinton's, a hardware, household items and gift store at the mouth of the Valley, owner Richard Brinton said, "Sales are on the soft side." Brinton said sales are down 10 percent but he would still show a profit because he cut operating expenses in the spring.

Besides the recession, Brinton said his store faces new competition from Orchard Supply in the Costco complex in Sand City and stores such as Target in Harden Plaza across the street from Northridge Shopping Center in Salinas.

"If it was just the recession, sales would be 5 percent down," Brinton said.

The Peninsula population has not grown in relation to all the retail stores that have been added to the area in the last two years,

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Highlands Fire Board Raises Hackles over Tree Removal

Seeking better fire protection after the disaster in the Oakland Hills, the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District has stirred up a lively controversy by at least leaving the imprerssion it wants to cut down some mature Monterey Pines in the neighborhoods south of Carmel.

About 30 residents turned out Dec. 11 for an emotional hearing at the fire station, and petitions signed by some 55 residents were presented to the fire board opposing any requirement that trees closer than 30 feet to homes in the area be removed.

Fire Chief Lanny White said the controversy "just got way out of hand. All we're doing is trying to develop a fire prevention plan."

He said the board's initial focus was on removing dead trees. Because the neighborhoods are in the Coastal Zone, a permit must be obtained from the County—a permit that White estimated takes three weeks and $300-$400 to obtain.

"Please tell people we're not going to be chopping every tree in the Highlands down," White told the *Sun*.

But it was an article that White wrote in the November issue of the *Highlands Piper*, a newsletter of one of the homeowners' associations in the region

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300 Volunteer Drivers

Meals on Wheels—A Gift That Gives All Year Long

By Carolyn Rice

"To me, it's the most gratifying thing I've done in years. You've seen the smiles on their faces," said 76-year-old Jack Clayton. "I'm not doing much. I'm just one little part of the cog."

Clayton, who lives in Carmel, is one of 300 local residents who have found a gift they can give all year long—they deliver Meals on Wheels to 225 homebound people who need assistance. The 300 drivers are supported by 200 additional volunteers who help fix the food, administer the program and raise money.

The drivers' clients are located on 25 routes which go to Marina, Carmel Valley Village, Carmel Highlands, halfway up Los Laureles Grade and everywhere in between.

"Our volunteers drive 155,500 miles a year," said Viveca Lo[illegible]eals on Wheels executive director. "This is 52 times across the United States or 6.2 times around the world."

Besides giving of their time, the drivers pay for gas and vehicle costs out of their own pockets. Most drive a route one day a week, but some also substitute when needed, so drive more often.

Food and Human Contact

The payload they deliver consists of a tray of three meals—one hot and two cold. But for some clients the meals don't mean as much as the human contact with the outside world that the drivers bring them.

Nancy Kynaston, who lives in Carmel, said she couldn't comment on the food because she had lost her sense of taste, "But the drivers are superb. They are such a joy."

"Top of the morning," Clayton called out to her as he brought her food tray into her kitchen. Wearing a hat with a slogan printed on it, "If older is better, I must be magnificent," he said he started as a volunteer after he lost his wife to cancer in 1988.

"I've got to do something, or I'll go crazy," he said he told his children at that time. "I've enjoyed every day of it. It's a big lift for me."

Some people receive the meals for a short time and others for years. Clayton said he delivered for a couple of weeks to a young woman in her 20s who was recovering from surgery and didn't have family or friends in the area who could help care for her when she came home from the hospital.

Sometimes the drivers find one of their clients in need of medical help and alert the Meals on Wheels office, Clayton said. "If you see something unusual, you report it to the office."

Maintaining The Recipients' Dignity

He said maintaining the clients' dignity is an important part of the job. Drivers are careful not to invade their privacy if they are resting in a bedroom and just call out that it's the Meals on Wheels delivery. One woman who was resting in another room called back to him, "I appreciate what you're doing."

In addition, the drivers don't know who pays for the food and who doesn't, he said.

Clayton said Carmel has four routes. "It comes as a surprise to people. They think the whole town is so wealthy," he said. He delivered to nine people on his route

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LETTERS

A Letter to Grace from the CRA

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership of the Carmel Residents Association, I am writing to express our sincere appreciation of your having served for two terms as mayor of our city. Two terms is the historic maximum of such service, and you should look back on your time in office with the knowledge that you gave your utmost to the values you believe in.

The news of your decision not to seek re-election came to us (as it did, it seems to everyone) as a great surprise. I learned of it Monday through Isabelle Hall, as reflected in my remarks quoted in *The Weekly Sun*. And incidentally, the *Sun's* reporting on this major news event offers a far more accurate and thoughtful accounting for why you decided not to seek re-election compared to the report in the *Pine Cone*. Indeed, the *Sun's* interview with you offers an insight to your sense of weariness after two terms, which will (I believe) evoke more sympathetic understanding of your decision.

In the *Sun* article, I am quoted as saying: "I admire (Mayor Grace). I admire anyone who is willing to serve in public office." My statements to Isabelle went on to say that our country depends on such service, and yet I realize how difficult it is for public officials to cope month after month with the tormenting decisions and the intensity of debate and the anxieties and pressures of serving the public. I wish these remarks and others had been published. I offer them in this letter because you should know that such awareness and appreciation is widely shared.

While your public deprecations of and even attacks on the CRA have been duly noted over the two years since the CRA supported your re-election campaign in 1990, we have sought to understand that any incumbent might feel impatient, even irritated, by the questions and criticism of the loyal opposition.

Again, we want you to know that we admire your willingness to serve Carmel-by-the-Sea for two terms—and we wish you many years of more relaxing efforts as an honored member of our community.

J. S. Holliday, President
Carmel Residents Association

The writer provided the Sun with a copy of his letter to Mayor Grace and permission to publish it.—The Ed.

Happier in Palm Springs?

In response to Mr. Roger Williams letter regarding the Hatton Canyon, he labels me and many others as sycophant followers of the Mapstead Theory, and he is right—I do wear that label with relish. I believe we should acquire every square foot of what is left of our precious forest, wetlands and beaches—it is the only way to keep these assets out of the hands of developers who think nothing of trading a soft, cool, lush forest floor for hot, hard and barren asphalt.

Yes, for thousands of years, Hatton Canyon has been a lovely secret from the hoards of humans who would trample and disrupt the homes of the many forms of wildlife there—the only reason for its present publicity is to somehow alert the populous to the great danger of the "voracious asphalt giant" who wants to "clean up" the canyon.

I'm sure Mr. Williams is a very fine man, but it would appear he would be happier in Palm Springs—they have no wetlands, Monterey Pines, inedible onions, no deer and only an occasional bird. However, there are miles and miles of freeway to drive on.

Noel Van Bibber
Carmel

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A Better Way for Hearings?

According to a report in the Dec. 12 issue of *The Weekly Sun*, Mayor Grace said, "There is nothing to equal public hearings...people who are really interested in an issue will come to public hearings. Others won't vote in a terribly knowledgeable way."

At our first Carmel Council meeting on Dec. 10, which we attended because we were appalled by the proposal to allow live music in Carmel, we arrived about 4 p.m., the announced time for public hearings to begin. We don't know when the Council finally arrived. We were unprepared for the long sit-in required by the agenda and left before 5 p.m. Clearly, the others were used to the waiting game, chatting and visiting with each other.

There must be a better way to handle public hearings. People who are willing to sit it out are people who are really interested and prepared to wait, but that does not necessarily mean they represent the majority of Carmelites, although in the matter of the music issue, we suspect that was the case. But there is always the possibility that a powerful, vocal minority, prepared to wait out an agenda, could influence a council before the public had a chance at voting time—a public, at least in Carmel, that we do believe is "terribly knowledgeable." It seems that people who hold public office, from Washington down, tend to believe they know better than the public, and we all know what that has led to on the national scene.

Would it be "terribly" difficult for a City Council to abide by an announced time schedule for public input? We can't imagine businessmen delaying an opening because of a prolonged sales meeting.

Hal and Irene Harris
Carmel

40,405 Voters Didn't Participate

I find it alarming that at the recent election, out of 56,791 registered voters, only 16,386 voters exercised their right to vote for the candidates of their choice. What are the other 40,405 eligible voters thinking about? I've tried to reason that either they were not fully informed, were all sick or just didn't think that their vote mattered and that the situation was hopeless.

I suspect that they feel trapped and don't care and don't appreciate how their vote can be important as it directly affects their lives. Public apathy and disillusionment with our public officials is the very reason we are in the quagmire we are in. The public cannot afford to be indifferent. It seems that at all levels of government, moral standards have been replaced with greed and a narrow-minded philosophy that throws out completely the traditions of our past history.

I have no sympathy when complaints are made on any issue by those who have not exercised their voting rights. Better wake up and look around you and see why immigrants are flocking to this country of ours. They see opportunity, not despair. Damn it, you owe it to yourself and your country.

Dr. Joe Noto
Carmel

A Salute to A Caring Man

Recently, I have seen an older gentleman picking up trash along Carmel Valley Road. He parks his green Jaguar in the vicinity of Rancho Canada and cleans up the garbage that inconsiderate drivers throw out of their car windows. I would like to extend my personal thanks to this man who, instead of sitting at home, is doing his part to help maintain the beauty of this area. What a joy it is to know that there is someone out there who is concerned about the future of this gorgeous area we call home! Again, thank you, sir, for your contribution.

Laura Brillhart
Carmel Valley

Carmel Greater Than The Valley?

The subtitle under the *Sun* in your weekly newspaper says boldly "Serving Carmel Valley and Carmel." Considering the way Carmel Valley is shortchanged when it comes to printed column feet, I can say unequivocally that publisher and editor, Isabelle and Stan Hall, respectively, consider Carmel to be indeed "greater" than Carmel Valley.

Take for example the Dec. 12 edition. I added up the column feet pertaining to "Greater Carmel" issues and articles and came up with a whopping 19 column feet. Using the same technique to add up all the column space devoted to Carmel Valley resulted in a minuscule 7 column feet. Now come on, folks! Carmel is great, but two and a half times greater than Carmel Valley?

The Valley is loaded with fascinating people and unusual businesses. So please, let's get a little perspective and balance to your future editions. And, I don't want to hear the argument that you have to give preponderance of coverage to the advertisers that pay the bills. I also added up all the ads, putting advertisers at the mouth of the Valley on the Carmel side and also adding in those from Monterey and surrounding communities, and I came up with 31 ads. Now comes the clincher! Carmel Valley ads came out ahead of the others by a two-to-one ratio. Isabelle and Stan, you've got some explaining to do.

Jack Arnold
Carmel Valley

The writer seems to be laboring under the misconception that news occurs uniformly over all geographic areas, and reporters can choose to write stories of equal magnitude from either plot A or plot B. It doesn't work that way. Since it is a city and has an active government structure, Carmel will continue to generate more news than the unincorporated Valley—especially when the Carmel City Council meets, which was the case in the Dec. 12 edition. Beyond that, it's not like Carmel and Carmel Valley are worlds apart; they're neighbors and share many of the same issues and concerns. Or am I to believe that Valley residents don't care about such issues as what happens to the eucalyptus at Monastery Beach, will the Odellos get to proceed and what will be the fate of the Hatton Canyon Freeway?—The Ed.

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State Sticks to Unpopular Monastery Beach Lot Plan

Despite overwhelming local opposition, the California Parks and Recreation Department stuck to its plan for a 60-car parking lot in the middle of an historic eucalyptus grove on Monastery Beach in its latest analysis of the popular scuba diving site.

In a letter to Assemblyman Sam Farr, who chaired two working sessions to try and find a better site for a parking lot, Supervising Landscape Architect Kerry B. Gates said the eucalyptus grove plan "is the best parking solution."

Molly Erickson, spokesman for the City of Carmel which opposes a parking lot, said, the analysis was "superficial" and showed the state parks department "is not proceeding in good faith."

"We feel that of the four plans evaluated, none of them truly represents the shoulder paving alternative that was unanimously favored by the people at two public meetings," she said.

A petition drive to gather 10,000 signatures to urge County supervisors to continue to allow shoulder parking at the beach and to oppose plans for a new parking lot there has been highly successful thus far, Erickson said. The Coastal Commission on Oct. 10 gave local residents four months to come up with an acceptable alternative. The Board of Supervisors will hear the issue Jan. 7 so it can forward its proposal to the commission in February.

The major visual intrusion of three alternate plans "cannot be justified, particularly when weighed against the well-screened alternative site in the eucalyptus grove," Gates said. The eucalyptus site, known as Plan IV, is the one the parks department presented to the Coastal Commission on appeal after having a totally different proposal rejected by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

"Only Plan IV allows an effective means of concentrating visitor access in order to communicate to visitors about the dangers of the surf at Monastery Beach," Gates said. "Only Plan IV improves access to Middle Beach."

Divers who spoke at both meetings said their groups likely would continue to park along the western shoulder of Highway 1 no matter what kind of parking lot was built or where it was built because of the problems of carrying their heavy equipment.

In his analysis, Gates compared local resident Bud Whisler's plans for two alternate proposals, Plan I, calling for parking 75 cars along the shoulder in an expanded space, and Plan III for a 75-car off-street lot south of San José Creek.

He said there was insufficient space on the shoulder for Plan 1 and it would require paving part of the beach to comply with Caltrans' requirements for identifiable entry and exit points to the highway at least 1,000 feet apart. Plan III had the same problem, he said, and both were too visible.

For the analysis, Gates said the parks department included two additional plans: Plan IV, its prime choice of the eucalyptus grove, and a revision of Plan I which he labeled Plan II, saying it satisfied Caltrans' requirements and did not remove any riparian vegetation. The problem, he said, was that Plan II accommodated only 66 cars.

In a one-paragraph conclusion, Gates said, "Only Plans II and IV maximize traffic safety improvements by restricting traffic movements to only one highway intersection."

In fact, the alternatives analyzed, Erickson said, "are strip parking lots. None of them truly represents the shoulder parking that people want." She said such proposals violate what the Coastal Commission wants by making "a permanent eyesore between Highway 1 and the beach."

She said Carmel would continue to go "full speed ahead" with opposition to the proposal. The city favors shoulder parking because it would accommodate the need for parking on weekends when divers use the beach and leave the area untouched during weekdays when the beach is virtually empty of visitors.

Beach Parking Lot Petitions Quickly Get 1,000 Names

The leader of a drive to collect petition signatures opposing plans for a parking lot which would destroy a eucalyptus grove at Monastery Beach said some 1,000 names were collected in the first week.

Tom Beardsley, parent of a child who attends historic Bay School at the beach, said he and a team of Dick Tourangeau, Roger Loper, Mark Wistler and Brenda Kovach collected 470 outside Costco on Saturday alone.

"Overall, I estimate we've got right around 1,000," said Beardsley, who has said he would like to collect 10,000 signatures to present to County supervisors opposing a state Parks Department proposal to put a 60-car lot in the grove immediately behind the school.

BENTLEY, THE GREAT DANE GREAT DEER, is a starring attraction Saturdays at Carmel Plaza where he helps draw passersby to contribute to the Salvation Army for Christmas. He even agreed to wear fake antlers. Helping Bentley are his owner, Gary Varga, left, and Jeff Scott, right, both members of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Kiwanis Club. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

Opponents to Challenge Freeway Environmental Review as Lacking

The co-chairman of a group opposed to the Hatton Canyon Freeway said his group will bring legal action challenging the adequacy of the environmental impact report/statement (EIR/S) for the controversial project now that it has received its final official sign-off.

"We still intend to follow through with appropriate challenges to that document," said Skip Lloyd of the Hatton Canyon Coalition. Asked if any way still existed for opponents to challenge the EIR except in court, he said "not that I know of."

Lloyd was asked about his group's intentions after the State Transportation Commission, meeting last week in San Mateo, approved a so-called notice of determination for the $36 million project, making it eligible for consideration for funding in the future.

Lloyd told the *Sun* the commission's vote was no surprise to his group. "It generally follows what Caltrans suggests," he said.

The coalition and other opponents to the long-pending freeway have contended the EIR/S is incomplete, inadequate and incorrect in some instances.

The commission's action, following a similar declaration by Caltrans, started a 30-day clock running during which challenges to the EIR may be filed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Lloyd declined to say whether any of the other groups or local jurisdictions opposed to the 2.8 mile extension of the Highway 1 freeway would join the coalition in bringing suit. But he did say "We'll be discussing it with them."

Tom Pollock, district director for Caltrans, called the transportation commissions vote "another big step" for the proposed freeway, noting that the action "completed the environmental review process under both CEQA and NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act)."

With that review completed, he said Caltrans would now begin work on the final design for the freeway, send its agents out to buy needed additional land and right-of-way and begin work with environmental agencies on measures to mitigate environmental damage from the project.

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SHERIFF'S LOG

CACHAGUA. A woman reported hearing gunshots near her home; investigation showed it to be a neighbor who is a gunsmith and was testing a gun. 12/9.

CACHAGUA. A woman reported two horses were taken from a corral near Syndicate Camp overnight; she told deputies it might have been the result of a debt owed a landlord where the horses once were kept. 12/9.

CARMEL. A man reported finding a portable radio across from River School. 12/9.

Woman's Camera Stolen

MID VALLEY. A man said his wife's camera had been taken from their home on Tierra Grande some time in the past two months. 12/10.

MID VALLEY. A Marina woman, caring for an elderly Carmel Valley man in his home, said she no longer could control him; he was taken to Community Hospital for observation. 12/10.

HIGHLANDS. A tourist from El Granada, Calif., said a portable telephone was taken from his unlocked car while it was parked at Highlands Inn. 12/11.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Pacific Grove man said his portable telephone was stolen from his unlocked car while it was parked at Carmel Rancho Center. 12/11.

Village. An anonymous caller reported hearing noises from the rear room at the Carmel Valley post office. 12/11.

$800 Fire Screen Stolen

SOUTH COAST. A resident on Riley Ranch Road said someone burglarized his home and took a fire screen valued at $800. 12/11.

MID VALLEY. An employee of Greener-N-Ever Christmas trees reported taking a bad check that possibly had been stolen. 12/12.

VILLAGE. The owner of Whitehorn Cabinets reported someone had entered a barn and taken a sander and router. 12/12.

VILLAGE. A woman transient was taken to Community Hospital for 72 hours observation after being found wandering in the traffic near the Village. 12/12.

Meal Check Skip

RIO ROAD. Chevy's Restaurant reported a man and a woman in their 20s left without paying a $10 meal bill. 12/12.

CARMEL RANCHO. An art gallery reported finding a wallet belonging to a Monterey woman. 12/13.

RIO ROAD. A Carmel woman reported losing her purse while shopping at the Crossroads Safeway. 12/13.

CARMEL. An administrator from Carmel High School called to report having a student in custody who had a slingshot in his possession. 12/13.

VILLAGE. A man reported $905 worth of tools had been stolen from his residence on Ford Road. 12/13.

VILLAGE. A man complained two youths were throwing eggs at his window. He said they ran when he approached them. 12/13.

UPS Startles Woman

CARMEL MEADOWS. A woman on Ribera reported seeing someone with a flashlight coming down steps toward her house; it turned out to be a UPS delivery person. 12/13.

BIG SUR. A woman said her vehicle was broken into while it was parked about a mile south of Coast Gallery, but nothing was taken. 12/14.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Big Sur man said a woman picked up the Lotto tickets he bought and left unattended on a counter at Albertsons. 12/14.

CARMEL. A man said checks taken from his mailbox on Camino Del Monte turned up in a mailbox in Seaside. 12/15.

SCORES OF BICYCLES fill the driveway at Paul Laub's Carmel Valley home. He collected 140 in just 10 days after deciding to try to find a few old bikes, fix them up and give them to needy youngsters for Christmas.

Laub Becomes A One-Man Charity

Paul Laub, a Carmel businessman who lives in the Valley, had this idea: Maybe he could gather up a few old bikes, fix them up and give them to needy youngsters at Christmas.

Ten days later, he found himself swamped with 140 bicycles, the employer of two or three men working to repair them and expanding his one-man charity to include stuffed animals and clothes for the homeless.

"It's amazing," Laub told the *Sun* of his being able to collect 140 bikes in just ten days. "All I've done is to be the spark plug in the gas vapor."

He said bike shops on the peninsula and in Salinas generously contributed new parts such as pedals, chains and cranks. Some shops even donated complete new bikes, he said.

Asked how he would distribute the bikes, Laub said the Center for Community Advocacy, a group working with migrant workers, asked for three dozen bikes, and the Salvation Army said it could use 2,500.

"I don't think I'm going to be able to make that," he said.

He added there is no shortage of need "and no shortage of people willing to contribute, either. One guy in Pebble Beach gave me a bike that looked like it just came out of the box."

As of Tuesday, Laub was rounding up barrels to serve as collection containers for stuffed toys and clothing. The *Sun* agreed to put one in its office in the center of the Village.

Carmel Valley's Pat Dowd Honored As County's Fire Volunteer of Year

Pat Dowd, a lieutenant with the Carmel Valley Volunteer Fire Department, was honored as the County's volunteer firefighter of the year at a luncheon of the Monterey County Fire Chief's Association.

Stewart Roth, a paid captain in the Monterey Fire Department and a volunteer at Carmel Highlands Fire Department, was honored as the paid firefighter of the year.

The luncheon, held Dec. 11 at Rancho Canada, was attended by some 60 residents, including County supervisors Karin Strasser Kauffman, Marc Del Piero, Tom Perkins and Sam Karas.

Dowd, a counselor at Seaside High School, has been a volunteer in the Valley organization since 1980, has served in various positions with the Valley Volunteers and presently is president of the County Regional Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Board.

Chief Bill Sims of the Carmel Valley Fire Department said of Dowd: "He's one of those guys who's always there—always participating. He's a leader."

At the Carmel Valley Fire Department's annual Christmas party on Dec. 9, volunteer John Radon received the department's annual award. A contractor, he is an engineer and has been a volunteer since 1970.

At that same party, Capt. Jeff Trapp, a paid employee of Carmel Valley Fire Department, was honored as the department's EMS person of the year, mainly for his emergency medical technician training.

At the fire chief's luncheon, Richard Patterson, a County employee with the EMS Agency, was honored as support person of the year.

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Supervisors Certify C.V. Road EIR

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors Tuesday certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Carmel Valley Master Plan Traffic Policy, a prologue to any future action if the annual traffic count exceeds the volume allowed on Carmel Valley Road.

The EIR said traffic conditions were deteriorating on the road to the point where the county should begin $26.3 million worth of planned road improvements, including widening to four lanes the stretch from Rancho San Carlos Road to Ford Road. It said this would not be growth-inducing.

Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman who lives in the Valley, said the EIR was ordered when "We had a couple of close calls in 1988" on the road which she said was "the most heavily monitored road in the County."

"This board in an abundance of caution ordered the EIR so that when the trigger mechanism is pulled, we have the documents in hand. I'm not sure it's perfect but it is about as complex as we could get," she said.

A separate EIR on just the controversial four-laning proposal is expected to be completed next summer.

Meanwhile, detailed field measurements have been ordered to verify that the Level of Service (LOS) is at or near the threshold traffic volume reported last week.

The supervisors are under a standing court order to impose a moratorium on development in the Valley or take other measures to alleviate traffic congestion once the traffic trigger is topped. A hearing on the Public Works Department's field analysis is set for Jan. 28.

"Whether we call a halt to development or not," Strasser Kauffman said the EIR "comes to us in the nick of time." She said it should be read along with the Final EIS on the Hatton Canyon Freeway Alternative and the report of the Hatton Canyon Coalition which opposes the freeway.

Carl Hooper of Bestor Engineers, Inc. said the list of 548 vacant lots that the EIR was based on was incorrect. He said at least 72 of them would not have single family homes built on them as the EIR projected.

Paola Berthoin of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club complained that the EIR was "out of step" with the Carmel Valley Master Plan of 1986. She said the speed limit on the road should be reduced.

Darby Worth of the C.V. Road Improvement Action Committee, a group formed to oppose four-laning, said four-laning "would place a high speed highway at the front door of many homes and businesses" and require large cuts in the hillside.

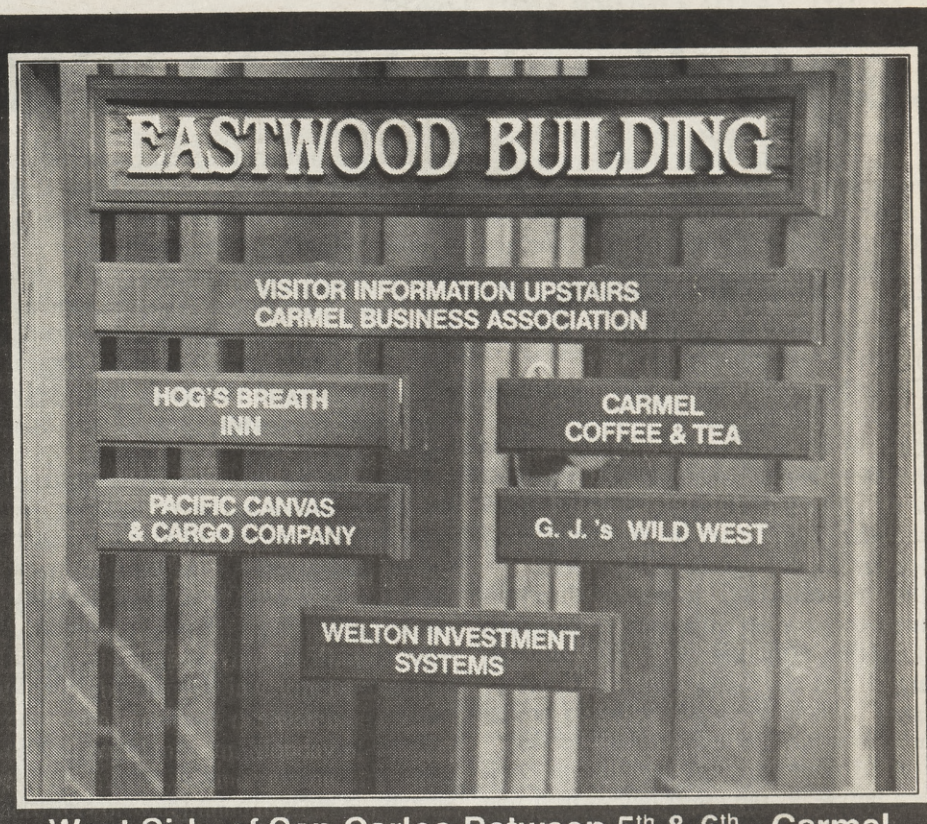
The group prefers construction of lanes for passing, turns and acceleration, instead, and wants bicycle and jogging paths along the road.

Even Tony Lombardo, the attorney for Clint Eastwood's Cañada Woods Project and the Veeder Ranch, among others, agreed the county should look at alternatives to four-laning the rural road.

"There seems to be some misconception in this EIR that you're validating four-laning which is not the case," Lombardo pointed out.

Noel Mapstead, of the Sierra Club, said the document was inadequate. He said it consistently referred to the Final EIS on the Hatton Canyon Freeway Alternative which was not available and had not been considered in the document.

Spokesmen for developers said they wanted much more input on how fees would be structured for road improvements. Attorney Brian Finnegan, representing Rancho San Carlos, said, "Our view is not that the proposed fee is too high but that it is not high enough in order to provide for the improvements needed."



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In Short Term Rental Ban Case

Legal Briefs Raise Constitutional Questions

By Isabelle Hall

More than 50 cities in California urged the State Supreme Court to deny an appeal by Carmel landlords against an ordinance that bans short term rentals of less than 30 days, but the Pacific Legal Foundation warned that letting it stand will lead to proliferation of such measures.

The ordinance is the second enacted by the one-mile square city to control vacation rentals in its residential neighborhoods where there are an estimated 950 units that rent for up to $100 a night. The first ordinance was struck down by the courts in an appeal by the same group of landlords.

The foundation, a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation organized to intervene in litigation affecting the public interest, charged that the Sixth District Court of Appeal "upheld the measure based on the court's own fanciful sociological theories."

"On its own authority and with no evidence before it, the court determined that vacation renters do not become little league coaches, scout troop leaders, or hospital volunteers" and thus could be banned, the foundation said in a brief filed Dec. 3 with the high court. The Sacramento-based group said it had 20,000 supporters.

The supreme court is considering an appeal by Michael P. Masuda, attorney for John Ewing and a group of landlords, and his request for an injunction against the ordinance that was upheld by a unanimous panel of the appeals court Oct. 9. An important case, it is being closely watched by California municipal government officials and real estate investors alike and could end up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The General Plan of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea mandates the preservation of the City's residential neighborhoods by limiting transient commercial uses in districts designated for residential use," Attorney Daniel J. Curtin, Jr. said in a brief filed for the cities that have backed Carmel.

Curtin argued that the appeals court correctly rejected the landlords' claims that the ordinance constituted a taking of their property, a claim raised in the appeal based on a 1987 U.S. Supreme court case "Nollan v. California Coastal Commission."

Curtin said the landlords had not raised the issue of their property being taken as a result of the ordinance at trial nor on appeal except "belatedly in a supplementary brief." He said the court held correctly that landlords were left with several economically viable uses of their property even if they could not rent it for less than 30 days.

Also joining the case in a brief supporting Ewing was the public issues law firm of Zumbrun, Best and Findley of Sacramento which urged supreme court review "to clarify important issues regarding the constitutional standards that apply to municipal regulation of land use in this state."

"This case presents the court with one of the most significant and troubling issues regarding the exercise of municipal authority: to what extent do constitutional protections limit the ability of a municipality to utilize its zoning authority to control the type of person that it prefers to allow within its municipal boundaries?" the firm said in a brief filed Dec. 9.

Attorney Robert K. Best, noting that Carmel has a long history of trying to appease residents by keeping out short-term visitors, argued that "A bald preference for permanent residents over short-term visitors is not a legitimate municipal purpose."

"The United States Supreme Court has ruled that a state may not 'discriminate in favor of its own residents solely by burdening the residents of other state members of our federation,'" Best said.

He, too, cited the Nollan case in which the U.S. Supreme court put constraints on the authority of municipalities to regulate land use, emphasizing the need to scrutinize the justifications for such regulations.

Best said the appeals court in Ewing regarded the test as merely a question of whether there was an appropriate exercise of the police power and was not arbitrary and unreasonable.

"The decision of the Court of Appeal misapprehends the constitutional standards to be applied to zoning regulations that discriminate against nonresidents of the city," Best argued. "If allowed to stand, the decision will guide municipalities throughout the state toward the adoption of constitutionally unsound land use regulations."

The Pacific Land Foundation said it had participated in numerous cases involving issues arising under the Takings and Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. Its attorneys were counsel of record in the Nollan case and other cases cited.

In a brief by R.S. Radford, the foundation argued that the appeals court "egregiously failed to apply heightened scrutiny to the ordinance at issue. Indeed, the appellate court concocted its own rationale to save the ordinance in clear violation of its constitutional mandate."

"In the case at bar, the city of Carmel asserted a boiler-plate, police-power rationale for its regulation, claiming that the occasional short-term rental of private homes created increased traffic, parking problems, light, glare, and noise," Radford said.

Although, he said the appeals court properly found this rationale spurious, Radford said at that point, the heightened scrutiny demanded by the Nollan ruling permitted only the judgment that the ordinance be stuck down as unconstitutional.

"Instead, the court below embarked on a breathtaking exercise of sociological theorizing in an effort to salvage the ordinance" which Radford said amounted to a "repudiation of the authority of the United States Supreme Court concerning the protection of federal constitutional rights."

He warned that the enactment of such "constitutionally unsound, oppressive regulations...will generate a tidal wave of chaotic and expensive litigation."

Water Board Okays $64,000 For Additional Desal Studies

By Stan Hall

With a dissent from its newest member, the board of the water management district voted Monday night to spend an additional $64,000 to study a third possible site for a proposed desalination plant on Monterey Bay.

Members agreed to add a site in Sand City to ones in Marina and Moss Landing that will be analyzed in an environmental impact report (EIR) being prepared on the desalination proposal.

The board has agreed to pursue construction of a new 16,000 acre-foot Los Padres reservoir in combination with a 3 million-gallon-a-day desalting plant as the long-term answer to increasing water supplies on the peninsula.

Member Fran Farina, attending her first full meeting of the board after ousting architect Paul Davis in the November election, cast the only negative vote in the 5-1 decision.

After the meeting, she told the *Sun* her vote was consistent with her position during the campaign that she would oppose desalination expenditures until the public had a chance to say whether it wanted to pursue it or not. She said the board already has authorized spending nearly $600,000 from the water district's capital project funds for studies on desalination.

The board previously had approved holding an advisory vote on desalination in June.

Farina and others have noted that the capital projects fund, fed by new connection charges, was established with the understanding that it would be used to help pay for a new dam.

In a report on the capital projects fund, the board was told that the district has collected $10,189,798 in connection charges since 1984, with $7,584,840 being distributed to the capital projects fund.

A staff report added that $3,440,171 from the fund had been expended on "project studies and programs." Counting accrued interest, the capital projects fund contained $5,746,863 as of June 30, the board was told.

Margo Nottenkamper, coordinator for desalination for the water district, said a site in Sand City would have the advantage of being within the district's boundaries and be closer to the existing Cal-Am water lines.

Both Moss Landing and the Marina sites, selected after an analysis of seven potential locations, are north of the water district boundaries.

Her staff report to the board members noted that "the district's enabling legislation states that there is a responsibility to develop water supply sources within the district boundary when they are feasible, before looking outside the district."

David Laredo, the district's legal counsel, said it was important to examine a site within the district thoroughly in case a legal challenged were raised later.

The major increases in spending authorized by the vote included $19,000 for the EIR, $40,000 for preliminary design work and $5,000 for additional investigation of a seawater intake system.

Nottenkamper told the *Sun* that a specific site in Sand City had not been selected yet but would be within a few weeks. She said the private owners of two or three parcels, all close together, had made it known to the district that they might be interested in selling.

"It is incumbent on us to pursue this site now that it has been pointed out to us," said member Ken Long.

The district's preliminary assessment of sites considered a decommissioned sewage treatment plant in Sand City but rejected it because it was in the process of being sold to the State Parks Department and also because it was largely within a 50-year erosion zone.

Nottenkamper said that if the Sand City site should be selected for the desalination plant, brine from it would be pumped to the Marina Regional Water Pollution Control Agency plant to be discharged into the ocean through its existing outfall pipe.

If either the Marina or Moss Landing site were chosen for the plant, potable water produced by it would have to be delivered to the main Cal-Am distribution system through a new pipeline.

In other action, the board approved variances for a new 27-bed Hospice facility in Monterey and a new public works building at the Navy Postgraduate school. Both votes were unanimous.

Members also agreed to relax the year-old moratorium on new water hookups. They voted unanimously to issue water permits for construction projects that will cut water use 1.5 times what is used by existing facilities.

Previously, the district has required new projects to reduce water use by twice as much as what was being used.

It's YOUR Money
by
T. Frank Quilty
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Since this is the last column before the end of 1991, it's time for a few year end planning tips.

If you itemize deductions, figure out your state income tax and pay any balance due prior to December 31. That will get you a 1991 deduction. Itemizers also should consider, in this time of helping others, helping themselves to a higher deduction for charitable contributions. Itemizers may also wish to consider paying off medical expenses before December 31 if the total expenses exceed 7.5% of your income.

Self employed folks who are considering setting up a Keogh plan must have plan established by December 31. Contributions are not due until 1992 but are deductible in 1991.

If you are eligible to contribute to an individual retirement account start saving now. The contribution is due by April 15 ro be deductible in 1991.

I hope everyone has a happy holiday season and a prosperous 1991.

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Carmel's Top Official, Attorney Get Pay Raises

The City Council approved new contracts with pay raises for City Administrator Doug Schmitz and City Attorney Donald Freeman, concluding a round of pay increases for about 100 employes.

Schmitz's annual salary was raised $3,240 to $75,000, including a 4.5 percent cost of living adjustment that was awarded, effective July 1, to all other city employees. The council approved the contracts Dec. 10 as proposed by the Personnel Committee which is comprised of Councilmen Bob Fischer and Ken White.

Freeman, who has been retained as City attorney since 1984, had not had his monthly retainer adjusted in nearly five years. The retainer was raised 10 percent to $3,520 for an annual fee of $42,240. He also will earn an hourly fee of $125 plus extraordinary costs for handling any litigation or potential litigation for the city. His contract also puts him under the city's retirement plan.

Schmitz's new contract provides that once the Council enters into an agreement with its employees for the 1992-93 fiscal year, the total compensation differential between Schmitz and the second highest paid full-time city employee, the chief of police, will always be 10 percent. At the time the city last revised Schmitz's contract in 1989, this compensation differential was set at nearly 12 percent. At present the police chief earns .82 percent of Schmitz's salary, according to Personnel Officer Jerry Pullen.

The total cost of the city's new labor contracts is close to $5.5 million and accounts for the bulk of its $8 million annual budget.

Schmitz, 40, who has been in his position since the Charlotte Townsend Administration took office in 1982, had not had a raise in almost two years. He held the top job under Townsend for four years, two years under Clint Eastwood, and the past three and one-half years under Mayor Jean Grace.

Last April Schmitz was chosen the top candidate for the position of city administrator for Seal Beach, a city of 25,000, near Laguna Beach where his family lives, but turned it down. Although he had applied for the position, he said afterwards, "I'm not out actively looking. I love Carmel."

His wife, Carmella, is an attorney with the firm of DeLay and Laredo in Pacific Grove. They live in Carmel and have three young sons. Schmitz was assistant city manager of Bellevue, Wash., before being hired by Carmel.

Freeman, who has a law practice in Carmel, agreed to attend all regularly scheduled City Council meetings but one during the year at which the city will pay for a substitute legal counsel. He said he asked for one meeting off, if necessary, after advising the council he had only missed one meeting since 1984.

His duties under the contract call for him to attend all council, commission or committee meetings as requested with the exception of the Planning Commission which meets every two weeks and sometimes more often. It states that the city is his primary client.

Freeman's attendance at Planning Commission sessions will be billed at his $125 hourly rate. He also is responsible for assisting in the drafting and preparation of all ordinances, resolutions and contracts for the business of the city and renders legal opinions on request.

Don Murphy of Big Sur To Lead State Parks

Don Murphy, superintendent of the Big Sur state parks region, is in line to become head of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

A 12-year veteran of the park service who rose from park ranger, Murphy was named by Gov. Pete Wilson to the $95,052-a-year post this week. His appointment must be confirmed by the state Senate.

As director of the department, Murphy will oversee 285 state parks, beaches, recreation areas and 1.25 million acres of wilderness.

A Republican, Murphy has been superintendent at Big Sur since 1990. There, he was in charge of seven state parks.

A native of Los Angeles, Murphy won a degree in molecular biology from UC San Diego in 1975.

By Coastal Commission

Odello Approval Appeal Rejected

The Coastal Commission rejected the Sierra Club's appeal of the County's approval of the Odello family's Coast Ranch subdivision.

On a 9-1 vote, commissioners agreed with a staff recommendation that the appeal posed no substantive issue for the commission. Voting to hear the appeal was Lilly Cervantes, a commission member from Salinas.

The Sierra Club cited traffic concerns in urging the commission to take up again the long-pending subdivision during its monthly meeting last week in Los Angeles.

The Sierra Club argued that Highway 1 already is overburdened with traffic and approval of the creation of 82 individual building lots on a 134-acre artichoke field just south of Carmel would only add to the congestion. The proposed subdivision would be located on the east side of the highway.

In the summer, County supervisors approved the project, attaching 89 conditions to it. One of the conditions requires the Odellos to pay for construction of a wider access road from the Carmel River to the entrance to the subdivision.

The commission also had been scheduled to take up an appeal brought by two members of the commission from the County's approval of Rocky Point Restaurant's plans to expand. The appeal was raised by Cervantes and commission Chairman Thomas W. Gwyn of Oakland, claiming the approval exceeded the amount by which the Big Sur Land Use Plan would allow restaurant expansions.

A spokesman in the commission's Santa Cruz office said no date had been reset for the members to consider the restaurant appeal.

Rocky Point, which clings to the seacoast about 12 miles south of Carmel, had won approval to add 1,938 square feet of interior space to accommodate a gift shop and 65 additional parking spaces.

Dam Permit Won't Be Considered This Spring, Cofer Says

General Manager Jim Cofer of the water management district said after some of his staff met with state officials in Sacramento that its request for a permit for a new dam on the Carmel River probably won't be considered this spring.

Asked if he were disappointed, Cofer simply said, "I'm not surprised." Engineer Andy Bell and David Laredo, the district's legal counsel, went to the capital to discuss with the State Water Resources Control Board the timing and procedure for a hearing on the permit under the state's appropriative water rights laws.

"The only conclusion they came to is that it probably won't be this spring," Cofer told the *Sun*.

He said the district would file for a permit for a new, 24,000 acre-foot Los Padres reservoir and scale back its request if a companion 3 million-gallon-a-day desalting plant the district is planning works out.

New Rock Band Plays Tonight

Still Time, a new rock band out of Carmel High School, will play at the Carmel Youth Center tonight from 9 to 11 p.m. Mark Roth, Brian Sarkin, Blake Cusack, Nate Modisette and Sam Melton will play all original sets. For Carmel, RLS and Santa Catalina students, the concert costs $3 at the door.

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A dinner will be held at the Unitarian Church at 490 Aguajito Road, Carmel, following the count with a $7 charge for guests who did not count birds.

For more information or to register for bird counting, call Robin Roberson at 655-8775. People who take part will be assigned an area by Roberson.

Other upcoming Audubon events are an Elkhorn Slough Jan. 4 outing to observe wintering water, shore and and land birds. Meet at Moss Landing Wildlife Area parking lot at 9 a.m. Bring lunch and water. Call Dennis Serdehely at 728-7736.

On Jan. 5 Vitaly Vomensky will lead a field trip at Crespi Pond to locate some Christmas count rarities and vagrants. Call 375-3906.

On Jan. 12, a family field trip to El Estero and Monterey Harbor will give an introduction especially suited for children to the variety of water birds in the Monterey area. Meeting at the parking lot on Pearl Street between the ballpark and lake, east of Dennis the Menace Playground at 10 a.m. A picnic lunch at the park will follow the birdwalk. Call Brain Weed 373-2019.

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WOODEN STAKES INDICATE THE HEIGHT of a second story addition that was turned down last week by the Carmel Planning Commission. The proposed project is on Ladera off Rio Road. Neighbors said it would block their ocean views.

Neighbors Win Ocean View Fight

The Carmel Planning Commission voted in favor of neighbors who protested plans for adding a second story to a house and adjusting a lot line on Ladera because it would ruin their view of the ocean and Point Lobos.

Developer Chris Tescher was told to come back with a revised design Jan. 22 after neighbors angrily attacked his plan as simply a means to get two buildable lots out of the site.

"I'll be very glad to resubmit plans for a one-story house if the commission will guarantee me that the neighbors in front can't have a second story," Tescher said. The vote was 6-0 with Commissioner Ed Jordan stepping down because he said he and his wife had just bought a house on Ladera.

Commissioner Jim Miller said he saw no other reason for creating the second lot on the property "except to build a house." He said the proposal would hurt the neighbors "basically to create a profitable lot. We're really asking the neighbors to lose property values in order for Tescher-Levett, Inc. to increase their property value. That's not equitable."

Chairman Carla Ramsey reminded Miller that the commission cannot concern itself with the economic impact of projects before it. City Attorney Don Freeman explained that the commission must consider land use under the city's municipal code.

Protesting the Tescher proposal were Dick Williams, who said he had just bought his house behind the proposed project in March, and Don Campbell, who said he had lived behind the house for 30 years and bought his home because of the view.

"I feel very sorry for the neighbors behind," said Dennis Levett, Tescher's partner, "But it is necessary for the second story to be built. It's a matter of property rights."

"He's really just building a spec home," said Williams who told the commission it would impact his view in most of the rooms in his house.

"It blocks off 95 percent of our view," Campbell said, adding that he thought the proposed remodeled house was "beautiful" but "it doesn't belong in our neighborhood."

"They do not own the air," Levett said. "They do not have the right to stop us from building a second story."

Vice Chairman Stephen Poohar said he thought, "The applicant has a right to a second story...None of the views of the neighbors to the rear will be completely blocked. It's a well-designed home."

"You can't just say you can't have a second story," agreed Ramsey. "The commission should be responsible to the applicant but I am not prepared to vote for the application as is."

Jan. 11 CPR Training Scheduled in Cachagua

Cachagua residents are invited to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid at a Jan. 11 training session at the AT&T Earth Station. The all-day class will begin at 9 a.m.

"The object is to get as many people as possible trained in this remote area," said Kay Grant, a American Red Cross representatives for Cachagua. "The more trained people we have, the better chance we all have."

Grant said the number of spaces is limited, so people should call her at 659-3687 as soon as possible to enroll.

Built Without A Permit

Neighbors Appeal Village Fence

Good fences are supposed to make good neighbors, but it doesn't always work that way.

Three neighbors of John Braly are appealing to County supervisors the Planning Commission's design approval of a redwood fence around his property high on El Caminito Road above Carmel Valley Village.

They also are asking the board to order a study of Planning Commission decisions over the past five years to see if it ever has denied design approval and ordered an illegally constructed structure to be removed.

The 1,035-foot fence on the Braly property was built without County approval and okayed by the Planning Commission on Oct. 9 although the Upper Carmel Valley Advisory Committee recommended denial by a 7 to 0 vote. The Planning Department also recommended against approval.

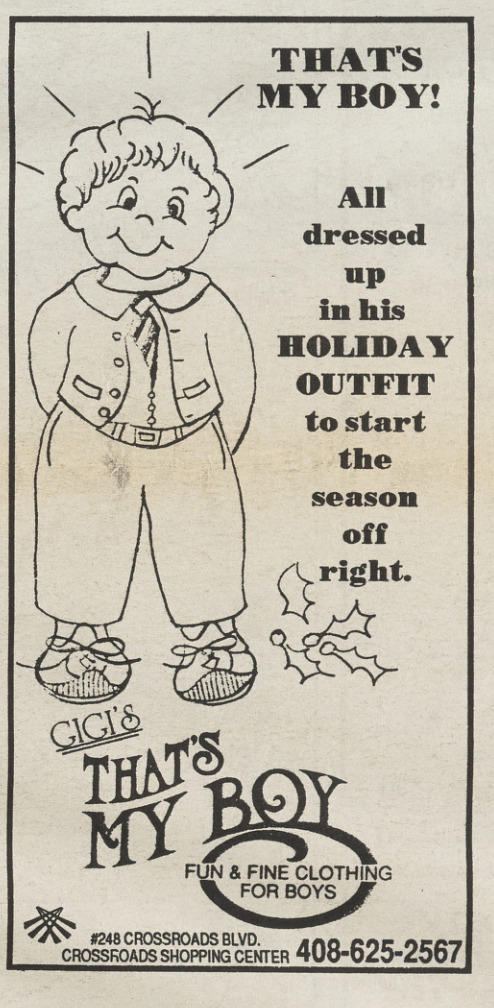
According to the appeal by the neighbors, the Planning Commission's decision to approve the fence was based solely on it already having been built. Contending that it never would have been approved in advance, the neighbors claimed the commission's policy of okaying it after it had been constructed "encourages persons to become scofflaws."

In accepting the appeal, the supervisors set it for a public hearing Jan. 21.

The appeal said the Planning Commission approved the fence in part based on a condition that it be screened by landscaping, but that since much of it was built on the property line, neighboring landowners would have the "expense and responsibility" of planting screening vegetation.

The appeal was brought by Jackson and Susan Wallace, Bob and Sue Burnham and Ben and Judy Goldman.

The appeal said Braly is a licensed contractor and must have known that he needed approval for the fence and that a 6-foot height limitation existed.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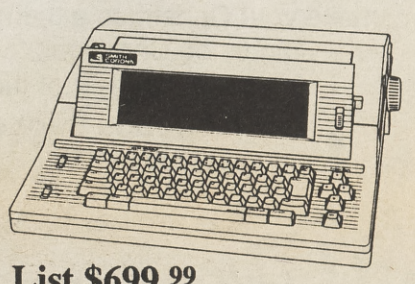

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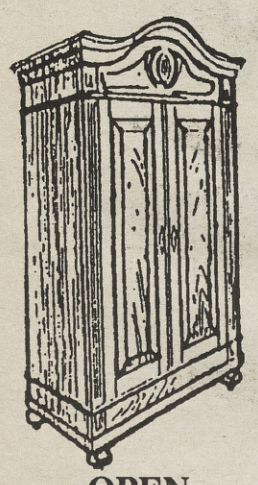

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County Satisfied with Restoration of Illegal Roads

County officials said they are satisfied with the progress being made toward restoring 7.5 miles of illegally graded roads on the Little Horse Ranch in the Wildcat Creek vicinity of Big Sur.

In a case which was settled in October, John A. Murphy and the Little Horse Ranch Limited Partnership were ordered to pay $125,000 in civil penalties and to restore the illegally graded roads back to a natural state.

Dale Ellis of the County Planning Department said restoration of the lower two miles of the Wildcat Creek area has been completed.

Restoration expenses were estimated to go as high as $200,000. The $125,000 civil penalty was the largest judgement in Monterey County history, officials said when the case was settled.

Under the terms of the settlement, the Wildcat Creek area work had to be completed by Nov. 15 and other areas by Dec. 31.

Ellis said basically the sidecast soil had to be put back on the road in the Wildcat Creek area and then reseeded with the area being brought back as closely as possible to its natural state.

He said Murphy, an Arizona attorney, had hired a northern California company that is considered expert in this type of work. After putting the sidecast material back up on the road bed, they have reseeded it as they leave, Ellis said. "They in effect have had to back their way out."

He said the company has been within a week of the Nov. 15 time line in the Wildcat Creek area and the whole project should be very close to completion by the Dec. 31 deadline.

The settlement of the case called for closure of 7.5 miles of road, removal of 5,500 cubic yards of dirt from 49 stream crossings, excavation of 8,800 cubic yards of sidecast dirt, reseeding of 11. 5 acres of bare ground, and mulching three acres with six tons of straw.

The road was graded east of Highway 1 about 12 miles south of Carmel. Located in the coastal mountains, it overlooks broad sweeps of coastline. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors, California Coastal Commission and Monterey County District Attorney worked jointly for a settlement of the case.

The civil penalty is due the county by Dec. 31.

Firemen Help Santa

Valley children can receive a present delivered by Santa Claus arriving on a firetruck on Christmas Eve. Mid Valley, Carmel Valley and Cachagua fire departments will arrange the deliveries.

They request that all gifts have the child's name, address and telephone number securely attached.

Mid Valley delivers between Rancho San Carlos Road east to Garland Park. Carmel Valley delivers between Garland Park and Sleepy Hollow, and Cachagua delivers on out into the Valley.

Cachagua requests that packages also be labelled with directions to the homes and that they be taken to the Pack Station or Prince's Camp before 3 p.m. on Dec. 24

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Community Upset By Highlands Fire Board Tree Cutting Proposal

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served by the first district, that really fueled the controversy.

Citing the disastrous fire in October in the Oakland and Berkeley Hills, White raised the specter of a so-called crown fire or fire storm which could rage in the canopy of the huge Monterey Pines that are common in the Highlands.

"Because of crown fire danger, the Carmel Highlands Fire District Board of Directors is considering development of a program, to be instituted by ordinance, that would provide for removal of dead, standing trees and trees in close proximity to structures. Removing these trees would help keep a crown fire from consuming structures immediately underneath the crown," White wrote.

In his article and during the meeting at the fire station, White said at least 30 feet of "defensible space" should be maintained around homes by clearing out combustible vegetation. "Hazard mitigation is what it is called," he said.

At the public meeting, Cliff Bagwell, a resident of the picturesque area some four miles south of Carmel, denounced the proposal as a "rape of the land." He brought along Bud Carney, a planner from the County Planning Department, to tell the board that any proposal to remove standing, live trees "is contrary to the intent and spirit of the Carmel Local Coastal Plan."

After hearing protests from residents, the four-member board said it would take into account their concerns in any ordinance it would propose to improve fire protection in the neighborhoods that stretch along the seacoast and up the steep slopes of the coastal Santa Lucia Mountain range.

White said he estimated it would take at least three months of work and study before any final plan would be considered.

Much of the area, where even a glimpse of the coast would add appreciably to a property's value, is heavily treed, mainly with Monterey Pine, but also with coastal cypress and some native oaks.

Residents seemed willing to go along with at least a voluntary program of clearing away brush and dead limbs under the large trees which provide fuel to feed a crown fire. But almost unanimously, they opposed any suggestion that mature, live trees would have to be removed if they were too close to structures.

"The ordinance as proposed is an incredible and outrageous disaster that will destroy the historic character and environment of the Highlands forever," the petition said.

"Large scale removal of trees will destroy privacy and expose many structures to the public viewshed in violation of Coastal Commission and County rules and regulations designed to protect the rural character of the Highlands area," it added. "We hereby ask the Board of Directors to abandon all efforts to pass an ordinance that will destroy the peace and tranquility of one of the most beautiful areas on earth."

In a draft fire prevention policy that was handed out at the public meeting, the fire district said some areas in its jurisdiction, posed special fire dangers.

"The Highlands area has a high to very high risk of fire. Dwellings are located in steep, heavily forested wildlands that are highly combustible. Access to many of the dwellings is over narrow paved and unpaved roads with sharp curves."

In addition to protecting the Highlands, the Carmel Highlands Fire Department also is responsible for Carmel Meadows and the Mal Paso area.

In a follow-up letter to the Highlands fire board, Carney noted that the Local Coastal Program would have to be amended before any ordinance could go into effect requiring the cutting of trees too close to structures. This change would have to be made by the Planning Commission and endorsed not only by the Board of Supervisors, but the Coastal Commission.

His letter noted that permission even to remove a dead tree in the Coastal Zone had to be approved by the County Planning Department. An application for a permit to remove a tree in the Coastal Zone, he said, required submission of a site plan, a photograph of the tree and a report supporting removal from a qualified forester.

At the hearing Bagwell suggested residents were not complying those those requirements.

"You hear the chain saws running every weekend," he said, suggesting residents were doing more than simply trimming trees.

For his part, White said he believed the conditions required to obtain a County permit to remove even a dead tree were so stiff that some residents were choosing to ignore them.

"The problem of tree removal is what got our first discussions started," White said. "We wanted to explore more expeditious, less expensive removal of dead trees."

In addition to opposing the removal of large trees, some residents also were upset that the board had not informed the entire community of its deliberations.

Eric Gray, president of another residents' group in the area, the Mal Paso Homeowners Association, complained that since White's letter only appeared in the *Piper*, only those receiving it were informed of the proposal.

The petition raised the same objection. "Notice of intent to enact the proposed ordinance should be sent to the entire district instead of a select group of people who are members of the Carmel Highlands Homeowner's Association. Failure to notify every resident within the district gives the impression that the Carmel Highlands Fire District Board of Directors is the sole agent of the Homeowner's Association instead of the entire community," the petition said.

THREE YOUNG RIDERS await their turns at a combined training horse show Sunday at the Trail & Saddle Club in Carmel Valley. They rested in the dappled shade of sycamores turning bright yellow. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Realtors' Candy Cane Project Ends Friday

There's still time to take part in the 10th annual Carmel Board of Realtors candy cane project to provide inexpensive Christmas gifts for those who otherwise would have a bleak day.

Realtor Susan Silver, heading up the project this year, said the gifts would go to senior citizens belonging to the Carmel Foundation and the YWCA's Emergency Shelter for battered women and their children.

With the cooperation of 11 local banks, the project encourages residents to purchase suggested gifts for under $5, wrap them and return them to the bank where they are collected for delivery. Suggestions for needed gifts are attached to candy canes placed in each bank.

The project began the first week in December and ends Friday.

Banks taking part are: Security Pacific Bank, Carmel; Pacific Western Bank, Carmel; Great Western Bank, Carmel and Carmel Rancho; Coast Federal Bank, Carmel, Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley; First Interstate Bank, Carmel and Carmel Rancho; Wells Fargo, Carmel Rancho; and First National Bank, Carmel Rancho.

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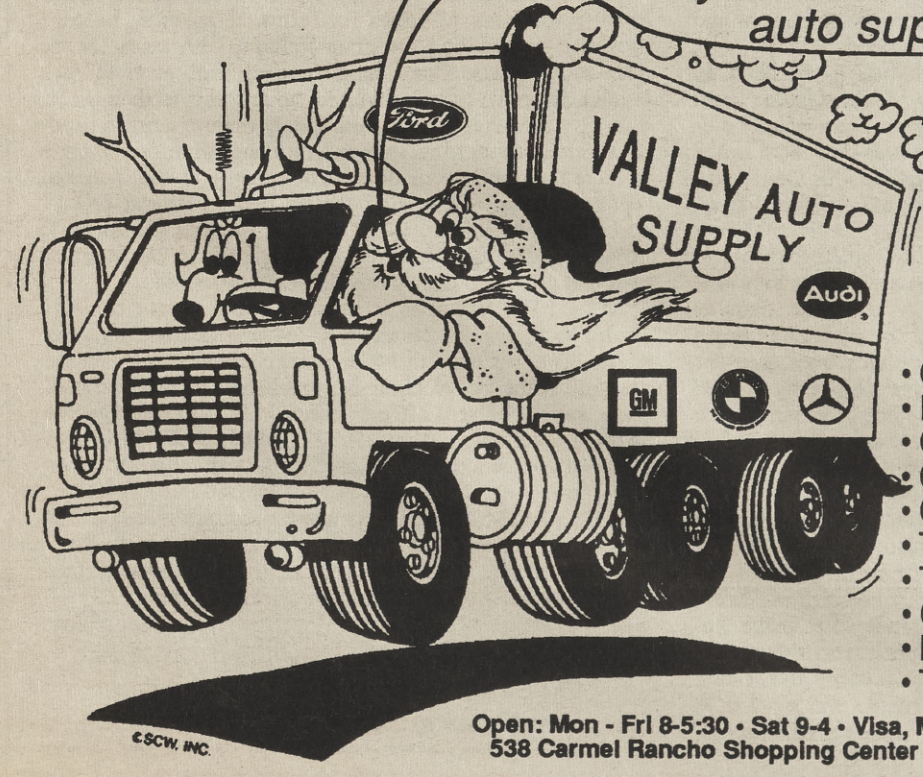

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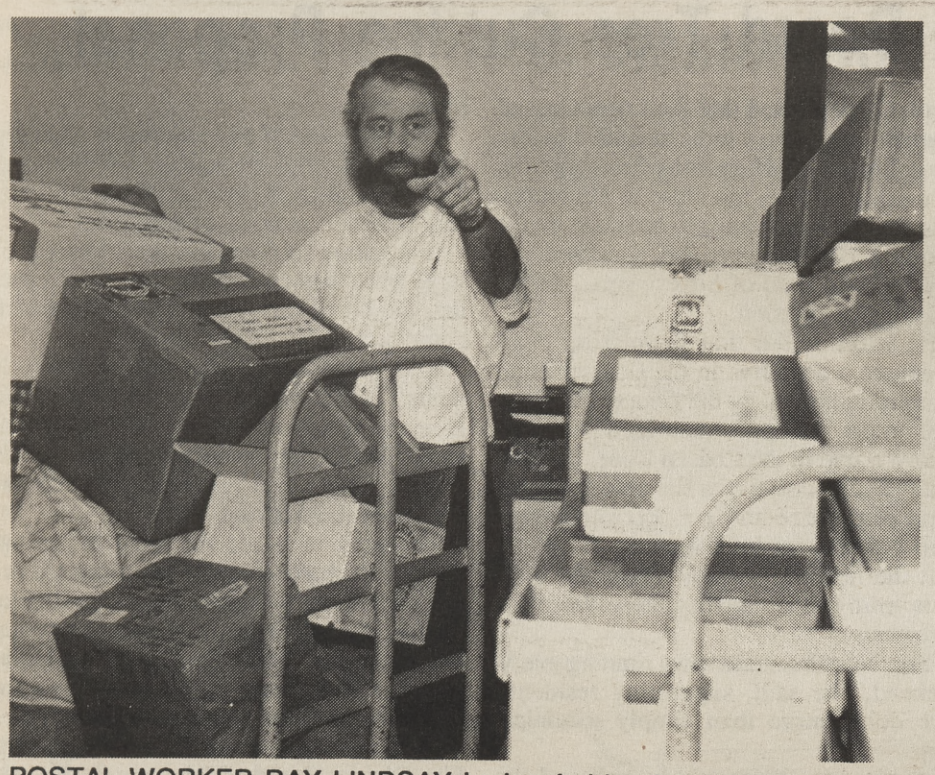

POSTAL WORKER RAY LINDSAY is dwarfed by the pileup of outgoing Christmas packages at the Carmel Valley post office.

Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

Yule Mailings Inundate Post Offices As Christmas Nears

With Christmas just 10 days away, three hundred packages rolled out the door of the Carmel Valley Village post office Monday—one of the busiest days of the year.

At the post office at the mouth of the Valley, the 10 rural carriers alone delivered an estimated 55,000 pieces of mail, while 13,000 were distributed to the 3,000 boxholders in the post office, said Jim Richard, superintendent of postal operations.

Since last Thursday, "I would venture to say we've sent out 5,000 packages," Richard said.

Postmaster Glen Davison of the Carmel Valley post office said the 20,000 pieces of mail that arrived for delivery Monday was about double the amount his operation typically handled.

Of the hundreds of packages leaving Carmel Valley Monday, Davison said: "They'll arrive by Christmas, but this is just about it."

He said for customers who wait until the last minute to mail gifts, shipment by Express Mail can guarantee deliveries by Christmas until two days before the 25th. It costs $9.95 for up to eight ounces and $13.95 for up to two pounds. "Above that, it becomes quite expensive," Davison said.

The Carmel Valley post office has sold 90,000 Christmas stamps since they went on sale in late October. People continued to purchase regular stamps in addition to that, Davison said.

At the mouth of the Valley, postal workers have sold about 95,000 Christmas stamps of which 65,000 were the Santa Claus design, Richard said.

Dick Newcom of the Valley postal staff said that because of the heavy workload he had put in 57 hours the past week and 64 hours the week before. "We like it," he said.

Because of the large volume of packages, the truck picking them up from Carmel Valley would make two trips to the Salinas post office instead of its normal one, Davison said.

"It's been a very busy day," he noted. "Very, very little has been junk mail. It's all first class delivery."

Local Yule Sales Results Mixed

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he said.

"We are all fighting for a piece of the pie."

Nelda Getz, manager of Vessey Drugs at the mouth of the Valley, said that store is doing better than last year. "It's been steady, and we have a lot of customers."

Also at the mouth of the Valley, Longs Drugs is still looking for solid sales before Christmas. So far, they have been on the soft side, according to store manager Terry Stratton.

"But I'm not done with my shopping. Are you?" he asked. "We're going to price things to give our customers value."

The store recently had a three-hour Sony Walkman sale with the small, radio/tape decks priced at 50 percent off. And Friday Hallmark Christmas cards will be priced at 25 percent off. "I've never done that before," said Stratton who has managed the Monterey Longs for the past eight years.

"People are selective," Stratton said of his customers. "They are buying the basics. They're not buying wild gifts like they once were."

But the specialty gift market is still there for those who corner it. Caldwell of The Last Chance said her holiday sales have gone "beautifully. We've had a nice increase. It has been unexpected."

Caldwell carries a selection of gifts including beeswax candles, ivy topiary, and handblown glass lamps. She also carries Trumpette, a line of children's clothes by a San Francisco designer that is sold only in New York City and Carmel Valley.

"We have a high quality of items for the value," she said, noting she spends a lot of time searching for new items and has a constant changeover of merchandise.

At Do Re Mi, a music store in the Barnyard, owner Ben Goldman said sales of tapes, compact discs and other related items are down this year. "It will be 10 percent down by the end of the year," he said.

He attributed the decline to the "700 homeless families in Monterey County and more people out of work since the Depression. Nobody in government who can help gives a damn," he said.

He said his store would make a profit, "but it ain't a good year. I don't know what '92 will bring."

John Waldroup, co-owner of the Barnyard complex and Thunderbird Bookstore, said it's not unusual for stores in his complex to report mixed results. "It's always mixed—some up and some down. That's always the case," Waldroup said.

At the Thunderbird, he said, "We're quite happy. We haven't had the exciting gains that we've had in the past, but we're holding our own."

Brinton said his store is doing as well as it is because it appeals to a little different audience than the large chain stores. "We provide a level of service you won't find in other stores." He said his store offers free gift wrapping, free delivery on purchases of $25 or more and a high level of knowledge about products by sales clerks.

Brinton has taken the additional step of being price competitive. "We will match anyone's advertised price today or 30 days down the road," he said. He said all a customer needs is his receipt and a newspaper ad showing the price of the same brand merchandise, and he can have the difference in price refunded at the time of purchase or up to 30 days afterwards.

Caldwell agreed with Sportswise's Stoddard about the importance of local customers. She said about 65 to 70 percent of hers are from Carmel Valley. She said she also has regular customers who come out from Pebble Beach and Carmel to patronize the store she purchased in 1989.

Supervisors Consider Area Garbage Rate Increase on Jan. 14

County supervisors have scheduled a hearing for Jan. 14 on Carmel Valley Disposal Service's proposed 10 percent increase in garbage rates.

Walter Wong, County environmental health director, supported the request in a staff report to the board Tuesday. "The rates are necessary to keep pace with the hike in tipping fees at the Monterey Regional Waste Management District landfill and the increase in the consumer price index for the preceding 12 month period." Wong wrote.

Carmel Valley Disposal Service serves customers in the unincorporated areas of Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur and the Highway 68 corridor. Under its proposal, the charge for picking up a single garbage can from the curbside would increase from $11.05 to $12.16.

The proposed increase would become effective Jan. 1, although the hearing is not scheduled until two weeks later.

In an earlier letter to customers, Carmel Valley Disposal said the increase was only the first of many it anticipated in the future as the County attempts to meet a state requirement that the waste going into landfills must be reduced by 25 percent by 1994.

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Dr. Joe Noto Speaks Out

AT A TIME when we should be wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I find it difficult to express such feelings to the Sierra Club for their cruel, heartless position in opposing the Hospice of Monterey project.This project provides a humane, caring roll in support of those who are terminally ill. They rely on financial and moral support to make it possible for them to fill a much needed role in the community. Evidently, the Sierra Club doesn't care one whit about fellow human beings, and are blindly dedicated to their cause (save the pines.)

THEY HAVE ALSO stubbornly opposed The Alternate Hatton Canyon Freeway, and further demonstrated their distorted sense of values by disregarding the health of the future Carmel High School students who would be faced with increased air and noise pollution from what would be the only route of traffic to not only Carmel Valley, but the entire coastline of Highway 1. With 5,000,000 people travelling on Highway 1, and the certain projection of increased traffic in the future, it is incomprehensible that for such disregard for the health of the students and for the people who live adjacent to Highway 1, that the Sierra Club could place a greater value on the common vegetation and animal life in this narrow canyon that is surrounded by homes on both sides. Widening Highway 1 with all the autos, trucks, buses and other vehicles would spew out toxic by-products, and the accompanying air and noise pollution is not conducive to concentration by the Carmel High students in their studies, not to mention the isolation of the school from the mainstream of the community. The traffic hazard of crossing the highway must also be reckoned with. The Hatton Canyon has been here all along, and was scarcely thought of except when an occasional mountain lion was observed by nearby residents, and it did not provoke joy when seen it near their homes.

AND GOOD OLD Hatton Canyon Coalition and the Carmel Residents Association have banded together and provided their bankroll in an effort to stop construction of the alternate freeway route. I think we should expose the 600 or so contributors who have become so opinionated that they don't care about the public welfare, and out of claustrophobic fright, fear massive development that disturbs their sacred lairs. They refuse to be convinced that with our water shortage and the Carmel Valley Master Plan and other county government's jurisdictions, that such cannot happen. I will be the first to say that even when we get our dam, there can only be a total limited buildout that the dam can support. These good citizens would be held in higher esteem if they would contribute to the Carmel Unified School District which needs community support of the current and future high school students' educational needs.

AND A FEW WORDS for the combative Carmel City Council. I'm amazed that Carmel's Mayor Grace could make an inspiring speech to the Junipero Serra School students by explaining that Veteran's Day was dedicated to the servicemen and women who gave their lives for their country so that we can enjoy the Constitutional freedoms that we cherish and then take a position opposing the freeway, not considering the detrimental effect of the health hazards to these future high school students. I sincerely hope they will not pursue the lawsuit route to further delay the freeway construction. The unanimous vote by the council prompts me to suggest that they read a good civics book and see what it teaches about community responsibility by elected officials. I will say that they were correct in opposing the Monastery Beach parking lot, so they are not all bad. I would wish they would stop this bickering in their local politics. Carmel lost its charm a good few years ago. I wish them just a small bucket of burnt coal for Christmas in hopes that they will come to their senses.

AND FINALLY, to get all of my meanness out of my system quickly so that I can get into the true spirit of Christmas, a ton of burn't sticks to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. I have been a supporter of theirs until they (and their staff) went on record to oppose the Hatton Canyon Freeway. They have been created and elected to seek parklands for the public benefit, and they have successfully negotiated with some generous landowners in obtaining lands for permanent preserves.

THEY HAVE POLARIZED public opinion which does not enhance their image; cooperation will be needed to further their goals. By taking their position opposing the alternate freeway route, they acted like a bunch of buzzards waiting for the Hatton Canyon project to be killed so that they can purchase it for a park. (Primarily for the benefit of the Sierra Club et al.)

THEY WILL NOT get my support for any future efforts to raise local tax revenues for future acquisition, because they will be saddling my grandchildren with taxes for the next thirty years. Our young families will have to face enough financial burdens without adding this to their woes. The very idea that they should openly oppose a much needed alternate route to relieve present congestion prompts me to have the public consider recalling some of these elected representatives, and to alert the staff that with our present economy, their jobs are going to be on the line. California is going to go through some real economic conservation measures that will have drastic repercussions for all of us.

NOW I HAVE unburdened my anger at what I consider wrong examples of community leadership that has gone astray. This includes the 40,000 registered voters who did not vote at the last election. Maybe I should wish that your water supply be shut off on February 29, and be turned on again the following February 29, which would give you pause to appreciate your voting rights in this blessed country of ours.

WE NEED MORE than symbolic gestures of compassion for others. Our young people are real people needing guidance toward real values that will aid them in their personal lives. Let's show them where their priorities should be.

Dr. Joseph Noto

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Some say it must be built because "it is already funded in the budget." That is a terrible reason to do anything.

Monterey County and the California Coastal Commission need to be reminded that "we the people" are broke and in debt.

Readers must write their elected officials to make it known that voters/taxpayers do count and do care.

Cutting down trees and endangering a local children's school in order to build an unwanted and unneeded parking lot is the height of governmental irresponsibility.

Douglas Mooers
Carmel

The Awe of The Canadian Honkers

I would like to thank Ed Haber for providing one of the most pleasant fall days I have experienced.

As I arrived at work at the mouth of the Valley, the brisk clean autumn air was teased by a distant harmonious ruckus. My half deaf ears focused—yes, it's them. The sound gets louder and more complete. It's moving, it's above, it arouses the excitement and awe of a natural phenomenon. Three V's of low flying Canadian Honkers came streaming over the tree and roof tops. In ever so brief a moment, their calls and whistle fade. They're on their way to eat cracked corn at Haber's or to intimidate some golfer at The Ranch and Rancho Canada.

It's even more fun in the evening as they come swooping down the Valley in formation. I run to my car to try to make it to the lagoon before the flight comes in.

As the 90 to 100 beautiful creatures approached the lagoon, they began to call wildly to the advance crew. The sun is usually just approaching a set, the low angle colors are fantastic and the back flapping of great wings along with a crescendo of hoots and honks, the huge webbed feet spreading down, make you dizzy with awe.

Then all is quiet as the sun sets and they lock the gate. Again, I would like to thank Ed Haber and the other golf courses that tolerate them and the man on Schulte Road who helped this half-wild flock of beautiful feathered friends.

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The author said the man on Schulte had been hand-raising the geese from eggs for several years.—The Ed.

Rancho San Carlos Housing Permit Upheld

By Carolyn Rice

The Sierra Club tried to stop construction of 12 houses for employees at Rancho San Carlos, but supervisors voted 4-0 Tuesday to uphold Planning Commission approval of a permit under farm labor provisions.

Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, saying she had had calls from constituents, asked, "Are employees and partners going to be housed there?"

Brian Finegan, attorney for the ranch, said, "I'm not telling you that a partner will not live there. But everyone will be a full-time employee at the ranch."

"Will they be involved in the marketing?"

"I couldn't say there will never be someone associated with the marketing," Finegan replied. He went on to say no ordinance limits the type of work an employee does.

But County Counsel Douglas Holland contended that the language of the code under which the permit was issued would limit the housing to be used by those in an agrarian occupation.

"We don't want to provide a real estate division rather than ranching housing," Strasser Kauffman said. "If it comes to marketing real estate, that's a different operation." She added debate over development of the 20,000 acre ranch will come in the future.

At issue was a permit for five 2,135 square-foot single-family dwellings on a 3,950 acre parcel and and seven 1,457 square-foot single-family dwellings on a 3,271 acre parcel.

The permit said the housing will be used for the ecologist/land manager, ranch manager, ranch foreman, two ranch hands, mechanic, cowboy, handyman/carpenter, head wrangler, stable hand, ranch house manager and cook.

The Sierra Club's appeal questioned the housing's permit under the farm-labor camp designation and suggested approval of the housing amounted to piecemeal development on the ranch before an environmental impact report (EIR) had been prepared.

The appeal was denied after five ranch employees told the board about the need for new housing at the ranch. Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck was absent for the vote.

Strasser Kauffman asked Holland to come back Jan. 7 with language to limit the use of the housing to ranching and resource protection employees.

Rancho San Carlos expects to have an environmental impact report completed sometime early next year. Current plans for the development include a 200 to 400 unit hotel, golf course, 360 single family homes and 5,000 square feet of commercial space.

Mechanic Irl Morehouse told the *Sun* his wife Lynn and he and two sons live in a 560 square foot house at the ranch. His wife said she gets up several times during the night to stoke the fire as it gets so cold. "And we burn wood all day." The house has no central heating.

Finegan said "the families now live in single wall cabins that were meant for single men." Paul Giovannoni, who lives in the old cook house and has one small bedroom for four boys, told the supervisors his boys "like camping out and all that, but when it gets to be every day of the week..."

Angie Builta, a wrangler who said she's lived on the ranch for 50 years and raised five children there, said "I've seen a lot of improvement of the ranch but none in the houses."

Robert Greenwood, speaking for the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, said, "I don't think any of us object to the replacement of existing buildings. We consider this an intensification."

Finegan complained about the Sierra Club's last minute objections to the permit. "The Sierra Club did not participate in the Planning Commission's hearing," he said.

In a letter to Strasser Kauffman, Allan Sandstrum, president of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA), said his group did not object to the Planning Commission's approval of the ranch housing. But he said it "would urge the County to consider these structures in any future consideration of total buildout of the Rancho."

Zoning Report Due

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permit to continue selling jewelry at his Conway of Asia store after he moved two blocks away from his location of many years, losing a grandfathered right. The Council sympathized with his dilemma but felt bound by the ordinance not to grant his appeal.

The Carmel Residents Association (CRA), always a major factor in local elections, has opposed many of the recommendations, and urged the City hire a professional consultant to handle the problem.

Whatever the Council decides when it receives the report in January, an elaborate schedule of lengthy hearings before both the Planning Commission and the Council would be involved before any changes were made.

Even before it could be acted on, the report leapt to center stage when Councilman Jim Wright suggested that the idea of removing the "resident serving business" concept, a key recommendation, be one of several questions put to the voters on a ballot type of poll April 14. His entire proposal was shot down at the Dec. 10 council meeting by members of the Voice of Carmel, a non-profit group formed to highlight public issues by polling property owners.

The seven recommendations are:

1. Stress the objective of "unique, quality business" rather than "resident serving business" in the General Plan and Land Use Code, and delete the concept of "resident serving business" unless incentives can be identified to encourage them.

2. Because certain policies of the General Plan are not being implemented, these should be deleted or amended. Examples are restrictions against art galleries and arts and crafts and real estate offices.

3. Reduce the number of commercial zoning districts to two: a central district and a buffer district.

4. Add a definition of "intensity of use" to the Land Use Code.

5. Streamline the federal Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) categories in the Land Use Code.

6. Simplify the approval process for commercial uses by reducing the number of conditions uses.

7. Remove the Ocean Avenue Overlay District.

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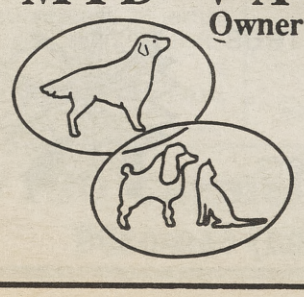

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Young And Old

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Sun photos by Stan Hall

Residents young and old turned out by the hundreds to greet Santa and Mrs. Claus when they flew into Carmel Valley Airport Saturday for the 33rd straight year to mark the holiday season.

With a "ho, ho, ho" and "How are you all?" Santa stepped off a plane piloted on the special trip by Mike Marquard and waded into the festive crowd. Skies were clear and the sun was warm, befitting a California Christmas. Parents jostled for space to try and get a good photograph of their child with Santa.

Fathers put their youngsters on their shoulders so they could get a good look at the special visitors. Red and green balloons bobbing in the air added a Christmas touch. An assortment of local dogs gave the event its proper importance.

Accompanied by 5-year-old Melanie Mayland and Hatton Verga, who soon will turn 3, Santa and Mrs. Claus rode in their motorized sleigh down Carmel Valley Road in a lively parade that ended at the Community Youth Center. Melanie and Hatton won the right to accompany the couple in a drawing conducted by the Youth Center.

Fire trucks filled to the top with little children followed Santa's sleigh in the parade, and cheerleaders from Carmel High and Middle School added dash. Antique cars ooga-ooged their way past residents lining the street along the route.

At the Youth Center, Santa heard Christmas wishes from a long line of girls and boys, while the aroma of hotdogs and the sounds of gospel carols filled the air. For some of the younger tots, the excitement of sitting on Santa's lap proved too much, and they burst into tears.

Riding in a special carriage provided by Stonepine Inn, Tularcitos School Principal Karin Camilli served as parade grand marshal. She was accompanied by her husband, Tom.

Riding in a red, vintage Thunderbird belonging to Cliff Bagwell of Carmel Highlands was Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman. Her supporters handed out balloons saying, "Join Karin's Camp" and "Re-elect Karin Strasser Kauffman"—if there were any doubt she would seek another term next year.

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YOUNG TANNER MONTANA, a visitor from San Francisco, found visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus intimidating and burst into tears. Long lines of girls and boys awaited the chance to tell Santa personally what they wanted in their stocking at the Youth Center. Below, children sit about as close as they can get to ride on a firetruck in Santa's parade.

SUPERVISOR KARIN Strasser Kauffman rode in the parade in a vintage red Thunderbird owned by Cliff Bagwell of the Highlands. Her supporters passed out balloons stamped "Join Karin's Camp—Re-elect Karin Strasser Kauffman."

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Hundreds of cookies were donated for the event by individuals, businesses and neighborhood groups. Children from the Carmel Youth Center decorated 200 luminary bags and volunteers from the Community and Cultural Commission and Recreation Com-mission filled the bags with sand and placed the lights inside. Hundreds of children played games at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party in Devendorf Park and watched as the Grovemont Players performed a skit. The biggest hit in the park (no pun intended) was Santa himself. He visited with the young and old alike and brought smiles to so many faces. Yes, he even tried to break one of the piñatas—stick to your Ho, Ho, Ho's Santa. The Carmel High School Band and Chorale group played and sang holiday favorites as a crowd of hundreds sipped hot apple cider and munched on cookies. When the moment arrived, the stage lights were turned off, and Mayor Grace turned on the lights to the City's Holiday Tree. The formal festivities at a close, the spectators departed for holiday fun in Carmel Plaza and the business district. What a great success. Thanks to all who helped.

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Say good-bye to the big room and little room at Vista Lobos. We have winners of the Name Our Rooms Contest. The big room will be called J. O's Lumberyard Room, named by Noel Van Bibber of the Northeast Neighbors Association. The middle room will be called the Clubhouse, named by Taylor Schmitz. The small room will be called Lobos Landing, named by Ryan Chapman. Congratulations to all the lucky winners who will receive recognition plaques at the Recreation Commission Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 9, 1992.

Food for Thought

As this year comes to an end, we want to thank each and everyone of you for your support. You have made our special events *special* and our classes popular. We appreciate you and want you with us in the coming years. So when you celebrate this holiday season, please don't drink and drive. Every time one of you is injured or worse in an alcohol related accident, we have the potential of losing one of our friends. We don't want to lose any more friends. So stay alive, don't drink and drive. Happy holidays from the Carmel Recreation Department. See you in '92.

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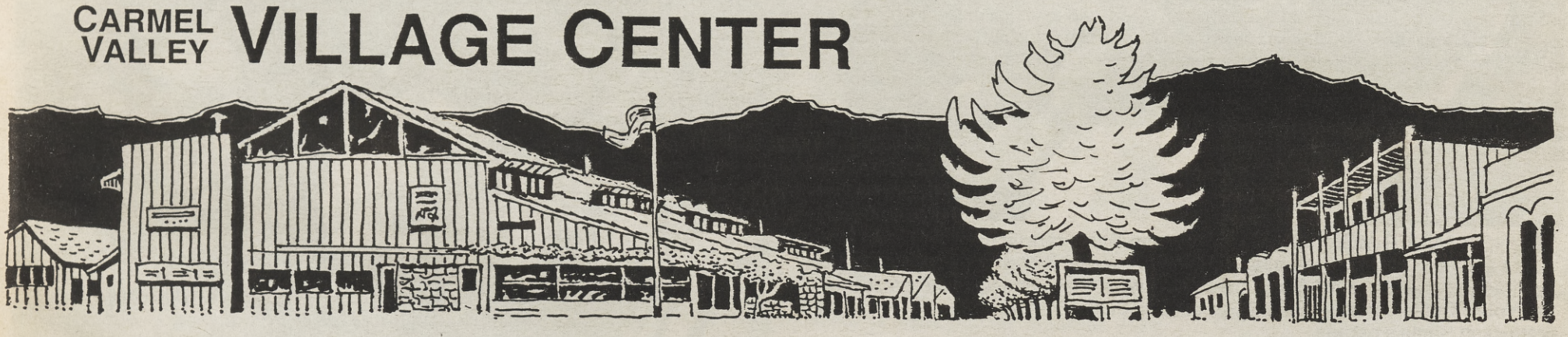

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COMMUNITY CENTER CORNER

By Kate McAnaney

Santa Claus came to town and he was sure pleased to see the great turnout of Carmel Valley Village folks. The parade was outstanding, the entertainment superb, and the holiday spirit overflowing. Pam Stearns, a new resident of Carmel Valley and a tireless volunteer for the Community Center, organized the event with the assistance of CVCYC Director Kathleen Tarp.

What a great community! Events like the Toy Fair and Santa's Fly-in (to name just the most recent) bring out the best in us. We have some fun while we support and nurture the area's children.

Carmel Valley Village is continually evolving, but a real sense of *community* seems to have prevailed over the years. Our commercial area may be small, but it's so complete that you can get just about everything you need right here. The lack of organized city government has not kept the residents from making improvements to *The Village*. Parks have been created, pathways have been built, landscaping has been done, and historical data has been preserved through community effort and enthusiastic volunteerism. When new families move to Carmel Valley, they quickly catch the spirit and find a way to participate.

A sense of community pride and the spirit of having a good time working together are what drives the volunteers who serve on the board of directors for the Community Center. It's a lots-of-elbow-grease, little-glory job, but these 20 dedicated people are currently taking on the task: Marleny Mancebo, President; Kate McAnaney, Past President; Patty Armstrong, Willard Branson, Jim Corso, Nick Craft, Tony Glanville, Judy Harrold, Troy Hussey, Alice Kinsler, Beth Lawn, Brian McCoy, Patty Petit, Carlos Santini, Bonnie Simms, Rick Simms, Bruce Skidmore, Pam Stearns, Bill Tarp, and Trisha Taylor. This energetic band of individuals all bring their own skills to the CVCYC organization but have the common goals of providing events for Carmel Valley families and maintaining and upgrading village recreational facilities.

If you joined in the Santa's Fly-in festivities last Saturday, you may have noticed some of the most recent improvements at the Community Center. Widened sidewalks, a new patio area, and an expanded entrance to the poolhouse are just the beginning of an extensive renovation plan. Board member Tony Glanville has been working on the current phase of renovation. "I'm thrilled to be involved in helping upgrade the Community Center and park. I like projects like this because they provide a very visible use of the funds we have raised," he said.

The children in the Latchkey day care program at the Community Center have enjoyed watching the patio and sidewalk preparation. "I've had a lot of fun working around the children," says Glanville. "Every day they want to know what I'm doing. I explain what's going on and they are really interested in the whole process. It makes me feel good to know that some of them will be using this patio and this poolhouse for years to come and they'll remember seeing it come together."

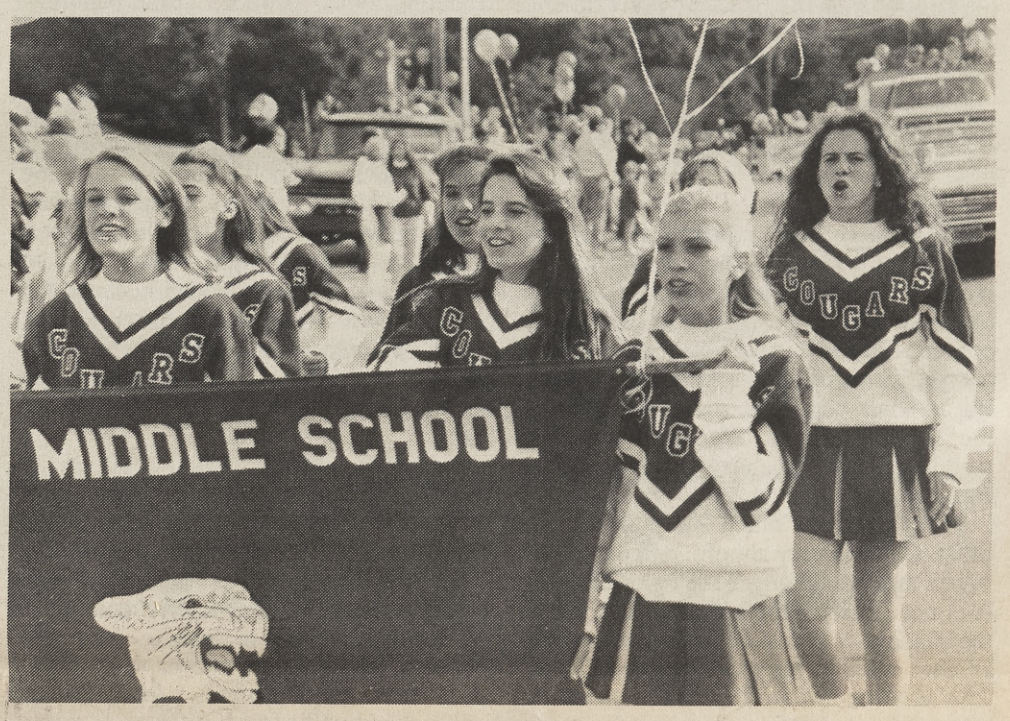
Tony Glanville has been an active CVCYC Board member for seven years and has lent his expertise as a building contractor to several projects at the Community Center. He is a familiar figure at Music in the Park events cooking up polish dogs over a hot barbecue. Tony and his wife Judy have lived in Carmel Valley for eleven years and have four children, Nicole, Brandon, Kyle and Brent.

The renovation of the Community Center area has just begun. Other projects include expanding the interior storage space in the main building, constructing a trellis to shade the new patio area, building a stage for music events, and a complete refurbishing of the poolhouse. Glanville urges all community members to get involved when the poolhouse project begins in February. "We'll need painters, carpenters, and extra hands, to get the place in shape," he said. "Our pool is a valuable community asset and we should work together to continually maintain and improve it."

CVCYC Board President Marleny Mancebo, owner of Julio Willie's Tapa Taqueria, is excited about the progress at the Community Center. "I like being involved with helping the community get better and better," she said.

On-going Community Center classes: Jazzercize, Karate for Kids, Yoga, Art for Seniors. Up-coming classes: Creative Dance for children and Life Drawing for children and adults. Call Kathleen at CVCYC office for details, 659-3983.

TROWELLING IN THE FINISHING TOUCHES on a new patio area at the Community Youth Center is board member Tony Glanville. Watching him work is young Colby Grewell. Plans call for an arbor to be built over the new pad, creating a shaded eating area. The work is part of a renovation project at the busy facility.



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By Anita DeCarlo

Color Lessons at Carmel Art Association

Is there more to color than meets the eye? Or is color in the eye of the beholder? What is color anyway? I'm going to "borrow" George DeGroat's and Joe Tanous' recent paintings at the Carmel Art Association to throw a little light, so to speak, on this everyday item. We don't really think about color, and half the time, we aren't even seeing it. My older son didn't understand my fascination with the fog bank on Fish Ranch. "Nothing but grey," he said. But when I pointed out to him the subtle pinks and purples, he also saw them.

Someone might say that green is their favorite color. What on earth does that mean? There are an infinite number of greens. Or maybe you've noticed the color descriptions in the wish books flooding your mailbox: How about "beechwood," "sweet potato," "bahama," "milkweed," "swan," or "sahara." Who knows! No two people are going to come up with the same color image to match those names. Plus there's the emotional connotations these words have.

There have been management studies to determine under which colors people work hardest. Green is a color determined to be more likely to induce a person to confess. Pink will make you weak. And, of course, nice girls don't wear red dresses. But in some countries, red is the color of the wedding dress. We wear white at weddings; the Japanese wear white at funerals.

Things are so much simpler for the artist. Color is very simply, reflected light. When the light changes the color changes. It is not simply light red, then dark red in the shadow. It is one color in the light and another color in the shadow. Case closed. This is often the most difficult lesson for new students in art to absorb. If I were to lock them up in a room devoid of all light they would have absolutely no color whatsoever.

Be frank. If you haven't learned to see as an artist, are you aware that your blue dress may have green lights and violet shadows? Aside from noticing your eyes may be red or have blue bags under them, do you see the golden glow of reflected light under your chin, the blue-violet shadow down the side of your nose?

DeGroat's figures reflect his concern for and awareness of the changing of color with the changing of light. He is not making this up. But he is responding to the color in his own personal way, he extracts the color from what he sees, and he stresses it. If you look at his "Study of Male Head," "Two Men," "Couple" and "Seated Nude," you see how he has used red in the shadowed areas: Red for the ears and down the side of the nose in the first; red pulling the throat and shoulder away from the viewer in the next; red in the receding areas of the heads and in the negative in "Couple"; red pulling the fingers down and away and shadowing the face in the nude.

Did you notice all the words I used to denote space—pulling away, receding? When you look at the paintings you see space defined—by color. Of course! If color represents a change of light, it represents, also, a change of the relationship of the object it defines to light. The light source is constant, and the object bending away from it is moving into the shade. Light and dark are values, and any color can be light or dark. Yellow is not a light color, it can be light or dark. And so on. The values are enhanced because the color changes. We more effectively see the space depicted in a successful painting because the object is seen—truthfully—to be one color in the light and another in the dark.

Color is: HUE. What color is it? VALUE: is it light or dark? Color is also: INTENSITY: is it bright or muted? and TEMPERATURE: is it warm or cool?

DeGroat's palette is basically very bright, except for "Grey Rider," colors that are quite saturated or intense. Not grey (muted). Bright colors appear to be closer to us than muted colors. If they are all bright then how is space suggested? Warm colors appear closer than cool colors. In several of his pieces you see bright red receding next to bright yellow. Yellow is warmer.

It's all relative, of course. There are warm yellows and cool ones—depending on what they are next to. Blue violet is the coldest spot in the spectrum, the longest light ray. Not guesswork, a law of physics. An artist's business is color, feeling, sensing, knowing, seeing all the subtle nuances of color relationships.

MOUNTED WARRIOR, an oil by George DeGroat, one of three artists featured in a show at the Carmel Art Association.

Tanous' paintings are marvelous pure playful color games. He pushes and pulls the surface of his canvases from your lap to infinity—by proximities of different colors. He uses a wide palette, the whole spectrum; he ranges through values and intensities and plays with the temperature.

Except for "Round the Bend" and "Balancing Act" which contain some loose and lovely edible oranges (as opposed to "oranges" as in color), he uses no really recognizable objects. He may suggest them—not as a result so much as starting with them as having them evolve out of the play of color spaces, shapes and edges. These are essentially abstract paintings.

I've had some people come to me as students who say they are strictly abstract painters. Sometimes it turns out that it is a matter of their inability to draw. Drawing, however, is the concrete evidence of the ability to see, and it is often the case that without going through the process of learning to see, there is no understanding behind the abstract painting. Abstract painting is the most difficult—no logical recognizable objects changing size to suggest space. Only the qualities of color. And edges.

In "Madonna of the Rocks" and "Primal Moonscape" it is the change in intensity and values which create the depth of space, and his manipulation of edges. Just as colors get a little fuzzier as they move away from us, so do edges. My ophthalmologist has always been fascinated with my one-eyedness on what he calls "blue fade" (colors bluing or muting as they recede) or atmospheric perspective which is the sharpness or softness of focus depending on distance.

Tanous keeps the sliver of red in "Primal" firmly in the middle ground using the quality of edge as well as temperature to keep the blue distant. He again manipulates space with a brilliant flash of warm red in the distance in "Morning Mist," a red that should leap into our laps, but the use of a crisp edge. He weaves crisp geometric edges into soft amorphous movement. In "Dawn of Time," the clean geometric edge in the lower right is close, a horizon line center left is middle distance; a landscape emerges from pure form and color shaped and shifted in the rectangle. What fun! I respond to his paintings as to children at concentrated distilled play, unselfconsciously having a great time.

The seven sculptural pieces of Eleen Auvil are a good compliment, like toys scattered in the nursery. Her work is most often fantasy creatures in a wide gamut of materials. The three acrobat pieces here are more decorative ornament than involved in aesthetic concern. Limiting myself to a discussion of color, I wish only to acknowledge they are happily there.

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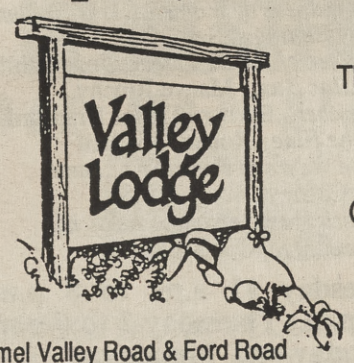

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DISCOVERY—THE LIVELY ARTS

By Barbara Rose Shuler

Slim Holiday Pickins'

It's been a strange holiday time in our neighborhood! Except for what appear to be a few choral presentations, several home tours and some strolling entertainment, the season offers slim pickins'. If we lived in the rural districts of Kansas perhaps we would consider the above a bountiful harvest.

On this side of the Monterey Bay, our rich performing arts community produced scant seasonal fare—a bit disconcerting (no pun intended). Where are the "Christmas Carol's," the holiday plays, the splendid theatricals of yore, the robust array of choices we usually enjoy? Is it the "recession" that brings about this spareness of holiday performances?

I looked through several local listings for this week's theatrical festivities and found a murder mystery, a Sondheim musical, a French impressionist play and the Troupers of the Gold Coast's Annual Olio Review. This listing would be dandy for any part of the year except the middle of December. Quivering in the corner was the lonely Unicorn Theatre Presents "The Velveteen Rabbit."

While trying to locate a theater production to review for you—of a seasonal nature—I was informed that Scrooge would make a brief appearance this year courtesy of Unicorn Theater Presents, though the papers didn't mention it. That was it. A stuffed rabbit and a fleeting Scrooge. Well, humbug!

The more I consider it, the fonder I become of the rabbit—which serves as a capital metaphor for the insufficiency of our holiday entertainment. The poor chap starts off as a Christmas gift for a little boy who loves him dearly. Soon the boy becomes contagiously ill and disappears to a hospital leaving the velveteen rabbit to a dreadful fate.

The heartless adults discard the rabbit in the trash as a carrier of disease and the boy never sees it again. Well, except that...but I won't give it away in case you don't know the story. The stuffed toy just wants be loved, wants to be real. It's a sweet performance of a heartwarming story at the Wharf Theater directed by Don Porter with choreography by Gloria Elber and musical direction by Kathy Nathan. Ideal for children, it begins at 7 p.m., running less than an hour with the majority of roles played by young people.

Unfortunately, this is the only thing I have to recommend from personal experience since its the only performance with a holiday theme that carries over to this weekend. The local performing arts holiday spirit seems to share the fate of the velveteen rabbit. It's not very popular with the adults.

We can only hope that next year our ample local performing talent has recovered from the holiday blues, the recession blues or whatever doldrums possess them. In the meantime take your kids to "The Velveteen Rabbit" and let a little of the magic in yourself.

Ballet Fantasque—directed by Kira Ivanovsky (ballerina with the original Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo) and her daughter Milou—brings back The Nutcracker Ballet of Tchaikovsky. The ballet event plays this weekend only, Friday and Saturday at the Steinbeck Forum at the Monterey Conference Center. It features Nikolai Kabaniaev appearing courtesy of the Oakland Ballet and Elizabeth Ashton former ballerina with the American Ballet Theatre.

Milou explained to me that first act will be rather unusual with performance by Monterey Opera and live accompaniment by Phillip Calder.

The Rising Star gymnastic Team will portray bats (instead of traditional rats). The Ballet Fantasque has adapted the work for a smaller stage presentation.

Let's see, chorally you can hear the Camerata Singers do an all Mozart concert this weekend at the Mission in Carmel, the Jolon Mission or St. Paul's Church in Salinas. Also for one weekend, Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" comes again to the Wharf Theater, as mentioned earlier.

I suppose you old timers may feel reassured to know that Lavonne Rae Andrews appeared again as the Virgin Mary during Monterey's "La Posada," the traditional Christmas procession.

The word to describe what I sense about the performing arts response to the holidays 1991 is perfunctory. Here's hoping '92 brings more life and inspiration to the Yuletide. Until next year I wish you all the best!

Christmas Decorations Win Prizes In Carmel

The Pine Inn won first place for interiors, the Lynn Lupetti Gallery first place for exteriors anmd Carmel Plaza first place for a courtyard in the annual Carmel Business Association Christmas Decorating Contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Karyl Hall and Fred Nelson of 24814 Pescadero won first prize in the residential decorating contest. Brian and Christina Cook were second and George Segelbacher was third.

ANTIQUE BICYCLES CAME TO CARMEL for the Carmel Business Association's Dog Show and Parade Saturday. Randall and Jeri Mitchell of San José brought their daughters, Candace, 7, left, and Jamie, 5, right, for the occasion. They are members of the North California Wheelman's Association. Mitchell, who said he and his wife found his British bobby's helmet at a garage sale, is a school teacher. He said he had been clocked at 25 miles an hour on the flat on his 1885 bicycle with the huge front wheel. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

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Carmel Goes To the Dogs

Grassy Devendorf Park, which is ringed with signs banning dogs, was a canine paradise Sunday when children and adults alike turned out for the first dog show of its kind.

The Carmel Business Association was joined by the SPCA of Monterey County who provided the judges for the show—Jim Bennett, Ann Mills and Diane Albert. Their task was to choose the muttiest mutt, the dog built closest to the ground, highest from the ground, the dog with the waggiest tail, longest tongue and the longest ears, among others. But organizer Guy Muldavin, a CBA director, made sure that everyone got some kind of an award. He said he was "delighted with the turnout."

A special dispensation from the city was required to permit the use of the park for the dog show and for an SPCA tent. Jim Bennett, manager of the SPCA's Community Outreach Program, quipped, "We never did get a permit for the tent. I hope they don't arrest us all. Wouldn't that make a good picture?"

While lots of dogs just wanted to tangle with each other, two showed great aplomb as they were paraded up to get prizes: Hector, a huge 2-year-old St. Bernard owned by Marian Tadernetti, and Maggie, a Bassett Hound, owned by the Salamehs who own Anton & Michel.

The show was all part of the British Holiday celebration sponsored by the CBA this Christmas. It was followed with a parade of dogs, old penny farthing bicycles and classic British cars.

THREE GRAND CHAMPIONS at the Carmel Dog Show Saturday each had their own style. Zozia Salamon, above, won the prize for looking most like her dog in their matching hats. Hector, a St. Bernard, above right, won for being the highest from the ground, and Maggie, right, for being closest to the ground.

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OUT AND ABOUT

By Isabelle Hall

"Christmas cards are an anachronism," my husband declared the other day. To put this statement in the proper perspective you have to know that this man graduated from college and went straight into a premature curmudgeonry.

You also have to know that Stan has attained the age of 56 without ever having written a Christmas card, except under duress. Mind you, he is first to open the cards that people send us.

Not for him the memories of long ago times, of past friends, of portions of life long past that come flooding over you when you set out to write someone a note on a Christmas card, someone you may not have seen in many years. As Evelyn Waugh put it in "Brideshead Revisited," the past is all anyone really owns.

I think the ideal way to write Christmas cards is to settle down, preferably in front of a fire with a glass of port, and simply enjoy it. Let the memories fill your mind as you write those little notes.

Over the years I have developed my own system. If two or three years go past and I can't think of anything to write to someone I haven't seen in a long time, then I quit writing. They don't evoke enough of a memory for me to know how to communicate.

Not for me the "set piece" that has come into fashion lately. I'll make a lot of people mad but I am personally insulted when I receive an obvious copy of a form letter telling me all about how Suzy is the most brilliant student at Harvard and just got her third Masters Degree, how Brad was wooed by seven firms and finally chose IBM, how little Tommy is so athletic that it doesn't matter that he didn't pass the fifth grade.

What is it that makes such letters automatically sound boastful even when someone discloses that Lucy, to whom you sent a wedding gift 10 months ago, has just gotten divorced and is living in a wonderful, new apartment? There is no way a letter written to the world can have the honest emotion of a handwritten note, no matter how few the words. I forgive people a bit when they add something personal to these missives.

When I write Lee Booth, my mind goes back to some of the happiest days of my life at the Anglican girls' school I attended in Toronto. She was such a close friend that she lived with my family for a couple of years instead of having to board. I think of playing field hockey and lacrosse on those beautiful playing fields, the autumn air crisp with the hint of snow, of putting on our white veils to attend chapel every morning, of curling up on a windowseat in the library, of the Latin grammar teacher whom I always thought was a Roman senator reincarnated.

I take a quick trip back in time to Washington, D. C., and Mark Brown, my late Associated Press opponent when I write his widow. A vibrant man full of life, he died in his 30's of a brain tumor. Of all the time we spent together covering the Justice Department, fiercely competing for news, my memories of him mostly are of having fun. One day the entire little press

CHRISTMAS CARDS unite old friends once a year.

corps, consisting of AP, Reuters and UPI—Mark, Tom Stewart and me—played hooky. We went out for a smashing lunch at our favorite Viennese bistro and then took in Robert Redford's latest movie, "Downhill Racer." We took turns ducking out to call the Justice Department press room just in case anything major happened but there were no major indictments, no big drug busts, no antitrust suits.

Like high school truants, we raced from the movie back to work about 5 p.m., breathing sighs of relief that none of our offices was any the wiser for our absence. I never even told Stan, who happened to be my boss at the time.

Memories of the FBI take over when I write Tom Bishop, who was Assistant Director in charge of Information, or some such euphemism. A super guy whom the three wire service reporters took turns teasing as irreverently as possible given the fact it was the J. Edgar Hoover era. Tom gave as good as he got. He retired to Southern California some years ago and although I have never seen him since, I enjoy our Christmas card exchanges.

Penning a note to our former neighbors, the Davies, I am suddenly sitting back in their huge dining room in Bloomfield Hills in 1974. They have just opened a bottle of 1967 Lafitte Rosthchild to celebrate our return from the Mayo Clinic where Stan was hospitalized for seven weeks. We had spent Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's in Rochester, Minn., during his near-fatal illness. It was heartwarming to be welcomed back by good friends, good food and good wine.

A card to Karen Healy at General Motors and I think of the 15 years Stan worked for the world's largest corporation while I wondered how long it would take before he would quit the stifling corporate life. She is a reminder of the best parts of those days as is Connie Estes, wife of the late president for whom Stan wrote speeches.

From Boston where I have exciting memories of life with UPI comes a card from Alan Wade one of the most enthusiastic newsmen I ever met. He literally thought in headlines. I will never forget him warning over and over, "One day a nuclear submarine is going to go down in Boston Harbor and how are we going to cover it?" Well, the Thresher disaster occurred and UPI did cover it, as we did Chappaquidick and the Brinks robbery, the world's largest heist, to name a few major "headline" stories.

Boston also reminds me of Nov. 22, 1963, the day President Kennedy was shot. How stunned we all were when the FLASH, a rarely seen news bulletin, came over the wire from Dallas. The news was so devastating that the A Wire, the main newswire serving newspapers worldwide, stopped cold, waiting for more. The silence in the Boston newsroom was deafening.

Before I know it, the afternoon is gone, the fire cold, my glass empty, and I have written only about 10 cards. But what a memory trip I have had, enjoying the company of friends, of times good and bad, hoping some of these remembrances will come back to my correspondents as they read my jottings at Christmas.

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500 Volunteer for Meals on Wheels—And More Needed

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on a recent Friday with some clients getting rations for two days to help them through the weekend. He followed a computer printout which listed the clients names and showed what each was to receive.

"You're looking chipper today," Clayton remarked to Juanita Burns when he went to her house.

"I am?" she responded.

About 60 percent of the drivers are men and 40 percent are women. They range in age from their 20s to Bob Montgomery of Carmel Valley who is 82. He took over his wife's route 12 years ago and "won't give it up. It's too much fun. I just love to kid people," he said.

"They're moaning about their ailments. You can kid them and make them smile."

Montgomery said he delivers to "one old man in his mid-90s."

$4-a-Day for Those Who Can Pay

Lohr, the agency's executive director, said the annual budget is $650,000, about half of which comes from the $4 a day fee which clients pay for the food. The cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel and Seaside and Monterey County provide about 25 percent the program's budget. United Way gives 10 percent and private donations cover another 10 percent.

"If we didn't have volunteer hours, this wouldn't be possible," said Kimberle Herring, assistant director. Besides the 300 drivers, 200 other people volunteer with cooking, office jobs, fundraising and other tasks, she said.

"Although 500 sounds like a phenomenal number of volunteers, we do need more," she said. Right now, the agency could use more drivers for the Carmel Valley route.

Drivers pick up the meals about mid-morning. The trays are tagged with special information as to any dietary restrictions each client has.

Besides providing nutritious, low cost meals, the service gives some people the option of remaining in their own home and living independently.

Herring said some pay the $4 fee and some pay a reduced fee. "We have some people who can't pay anything, but we don't turn down anyone who legitimately needs the service," she said.

Food Preparation Begins at Dawn

Meals on Wheels is housed in an attractive Pacific Grove building erected three years ago on Jewell Avenue. The community raised funds for the $1 million structure, Lohr said.

The large, fully-equipped kitchen opens at dawn with a staff of professional cooks and volunteers. Cy Fitton, a Meals on Wheels board member, good naturedly teased Lohr, saying, "She's a slave driver. She cracks the whip around here always thinking up projects."

Several volunteers noted the program operated smoothly and said the staff and volunteers have the meals ready to deliver promptly each day.

The Center also serves $2 meals to 60 and 70 seniors who come to the headquarters each day. "They can just walk in. No reservation is needed," Herring said.

Lohr said only 10 percent of the Meals on Wheels in the U.S. operate independently, and "we're one of them." Many programs operate in conjunction with a hospital or other facility, she said.

Lohr said in 1990 the volunteers put in 17,700 hours of volunteer time. "This amounts to 2.2 years of time, 24 hours a day during a one year period," she said.

The service was found in 1973 by Sally Judd Griffin, a Pacific Grove resident who died in 1989. She originally cooked meals in her own home and delivered them.

JACK CLAYTON delivers a lunch to Nancy Kynaston (above) in Carmel as part of the Meals on Wheels program. Between 60 and 70 seniors (below) come for lunch each weekday at the attractive dining room at the Pacific Grove Meals on Wheels headquarters. *Sun photos by Carolyn Rice*

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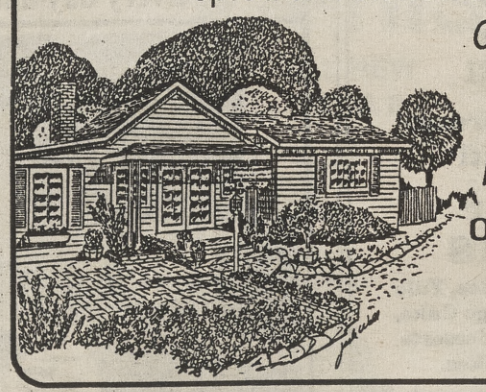

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Cal-Am Pipeline Project Goes To County Planning Commission

The California-American Water Co. was expected to receive approval Wednesday for a Coastal Development permit to proceed with its long-delayed water pipeline replacement from Pebble Beach through the city of Carmel to the Carmel River at Cañada Junction in Carmel Valley.

The project was halted virtually at the gates to Carmel in April when the city refused to approve construction of 940 feet of water main until the company went through the full permit process.

Carmel blamed the county for not having required permits from the outset. The county countered that the work on a portion of the line within Pebble Beach that would have required county approval was done without its knowledge or consent. The hearing Wednesday concluded after the *Sun* had gone to press.

The County Planning Department recommended adoption of a Negative Declaration and approval of a permit subject to various conditions. These include controlling aggressive alien plants in Pescadero Canyon, preventing soil from entering the canyon during construction and protecting native trees close to the easement by wiring boards to them.

Another condition calls for work to be stopped should any archaeological resources be found in the canyon and removal of what Carmel Planning Director Diane White called the present "unsightly" pipeline and the trestle on which it stretches across Pescadero Canyon.

In a letter to the County, Carmel said it also wants assurance that Cal-Am would not be allowed to utilize the additional water capacity in the future. The company said the replacement was designed not to increase system capacity but to reduce energy costs associated with pumping.

"If there is no such restriction, then the growth-inducing impacts of this proposal should be assessed," White told the County. She also said it was unfortunate that the archaeological survey done for the project between 17 Mile Drive and the Carmel city limits did not include that portion within Mission Trail Park which is in the city's Archaeological Overlay Zone. She said Cal-Am should be aware additional surveys will be required.

Cal-Am was stopped in its replacement of 84-year-old 12 and 24-inch pipelines with a 30-inch pipeline when Carmel declared that it constituted new water mains not just "like for like" replacement and therefore had to have a coastal development permit.

Cal-Am says the energy costs will be reduced by 400 horsepower while pumping the same rate of 9,000 gallons of water per minute as it does now. It said the original lines were so old they tended to break and needed frequent repairs.

Flu Strikes Schools

Flu season arrived with a vengance at Carmel Middle School this week where students were "dropping like flies," according to attendance secretary Ann Frankenberger.

She said about 145 out of the 516 Middle School students stayed home on Wednesday or left school with high temperatures, vomiting and headaches.

At Carmel High School, Ann Berry said absences were running about normal for this time of year with only 30 students out.

But Karen Huntington at River School said "tons" of its students were out. Between five and eight were absent in each classroom, she said. It had been about the same all week long with some increase by Wednesday, she added.

Principal Karin Camilli of Tularcitos School said she had 19 percent of her students absent Wednesday with 98 of the 519 children out sick.

Freeway Review Challenged

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Pollock told the *Sun* that Caltrans intended to spend up to $5 million on mitigation measures in addition to the $36 million estimated costs for construction and right of way.

He also said that the agency would now work on obtaining key permits for the project. These include a so-called 404 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, a coastal development from the Coastal Commission and a permit from the state Fish & Game Department.

Once those are obtained, he said Caltrans then could go back to the transportation commission and ask for the funds to pay for the project.

Asked when that might occur, Pollock said "I'd be pleased if we could be ready to go back to the commission for funding within six months. That's what we're shooting for."

Neither Lloyd nor Pollock were willing to speculate what a lawsuit challenging the EIR/S would mean in terms of additional time for the project.

Lloyd did say that it was his understanding that where a challenge was raised to an EIR/S under both CEQA and NEPA provisions, a federal court would take jurisdiction over a combined case.

In addition to the coalition, the Sierra Club, the Native Plant Society, the Audubon Society and the cities of Carmel and Pacific Grove have gone on record opposed to the freeway. So has the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District.

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REAL ESTATE OUTLOOK

By Barry R. Harrow
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There is a principal of fairness running through the law. Although it is sometimes obscured by the procedural quagmire that can exist in the course of enforcing legal rights, the principal is there. That principal gave birth to the public policy that if a person's property is improved by someone else, it would be unjust for the property owner to benefit at the expense of the one improving the property. That public policy made its way into the California Constitution, which provides that all classes of mechanics, materialmen, artisans, and laborers are entitled to a lien on the property which benefitted from their labor or materials, that lien being called a mechanics' lien.

The mechanics' lien law is codified in the Civil Code in great detail and is supplemented by case law which interprets the code according to sets of specific circumstances.

Basically speaking, it provides that specified classes of people are entitled to a lien for a "work of improvement" to which they contribute labor or materials. It is a right which exists in addition to the right to sue for a breach of contract. A work of improvement includes many things, but can generally be described as any work which significantly changes the land or the building upon it.

If there is a contract for a work of improvement and the contract is breached by the property owner, liability for the breach would normally be found against the defendant (whether an individual, partnership or corporation).

In a mechanics' lien case, however, the imposition of a mechanics' lien creates an encumbrance against the real property itself, similar to a mortgage or deed of trust. The lien itself does not create any personal liability against the property owner, although it is based on an underlying contract obligation. The contract obligation could, for example, be against the general contractor rather than the owner. Since the owner benefits from the work of improvement, the lien applies to the owner's property.

The mechanics' lien imposed on real property is different from a mortgage or deed of trust in the sense that it is created entirely by statute and exists only so long as the statute says it does. The lien is created by recording a document containing the required information with the County Recorder's office in the county where the real property is located. If a lawsuit to enforce the lien is not filed within 90 days of the recording of the lien, the lien expires and cannot be enforced.

In some cases, it is necessary to serve a preliminary or "pre-lien" notice on the owner of the property and certain other designated persons (depending on the specific situation) in order for a mechanics lien to be valid. In other cases, it is not necessary to serve the pre-lien notice before recording the lien. In most cases, it is prudent and wise to go through the procedures of serving the pre-lien notice at the beginning of every new work of improvement on all appropriate persons just in case there are problems later. This should not be viewed by a property owner as a threat or challenge. Rather, it should be viewed as good business practice and should never cause concern to the honest property owner.

If a mechanics' lien lawsuit is successful, the judgment will usually contain the right to have a forced sale of the property, the result of which would hopefully be to pay off the lien.

Mechanic's lien laws are interpreted very strictly by the courts and contain various procedural requirements and time deadlines. They are difficult to read and complex. The failure to comply strictly with the procedures and deadlines can result in significant rights being lost. Therefore, it is very important that they be read carefully and understood well. It is one of those areas of the law where one false step can lead to an unnecessarily large fall.

Land Gift Settles Suit

A gift of five acres of land from the September Ranch in Carmel Valley adjacent to Jack's Peak Park was accepted by Monterey County Supervisors Tuesday, clearing the way for settlement of a Sierra Club lawsuit against a new 27-bed Hospice in Monterey.

The Sierra Club suit to prevent the removal of Monterey Pines from the five-acre site had halted the project and caused bitter feelings in the community.

Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman acted as intermediary to resolve the conflict. The land gift was arranged by Carmel Valley Realtor Skip Marquard of Porter-Marquard Realty with Howard Morgens, general partner of September Ranch, located on the north side of Carmel Valley Road opposite Valley Hills. The gift parcel, estimated to be worth about $100,000, contains a stand of native Monterey Pines.

Ann McPherson, project director for the Hospice project, said, "This is something the entire community has prayed and hoped for."

"In negotiations with the Sierra Club a year ago, I felt that we were running in tandem with Saddam Hussein," she said, likening the fight to the U.S. war with Iraq. After the chairmanship of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club changed and Scott Hennessy took over, McPherson said, "We finally learned that they would consider a trade. I can't thank Skip Marquard enough. He has been a true standard bearer for Hospice. He was given the ball to carry through this marvelous gift with elegance and strong conviction. Giving a piece of land is a monumental task."

But environmentalists Bryan Rosen and Darby Worth still objected and urged the supervisors to look for another site.

"This area needs to be preserved for a national park," Rosen said. "It deserves the same attention as Yosemite or Yellowstone."

Even though Worth said her husband was in the Hospice in Carmel Valley and it deserves "the highest acclaim," she said, "I am so disappointed that you are allowing the degradation of the land. I wish another site could be found."

The new Hospice building, which will replace an outdated 6-bed facility in Carmel Valley, also cleared a hurdle at the water management district board meeting Monday night. Members approved a variance giving it up to 5.10 acre-feet of water annually.

Strasser Kauffman, who serves as the supervisors' representative on the water board, said the Hospice was the "supreme example" of what the board had in mind when it established a pool of water to be used by non-profit groups which promote public health, safety or welfare.

The Hospice, which has served the area since 1977, has raised some $5 million from private funds for its new facility.

Holiday Hours

The Weekly Sun will be closed Dec. 23-Dec. 26. The next edition will be Jan. 2. The .office will resume regular hours Dec. 27. Deadline for ads and copy is 3 p.m. Dec. 27.

Have a Merry Christmas!

City Property Transfers Proposed

With suitable building lots growing increasingly scarce in Carmel, the City Council voted to pursue the idea of trading privately owned property with undeveloped city street rights of way.

The idea was initially prompted by potential development in Pescadero Canyon, an area slated for preservation by the council in its list of 1991-92 goals. The council action on Dec. 10 directed staff to proceed with an investigation of how to exchange public rights of way for a 23,904-square foot parcel on the north side of Second Avenue in the canyon owned by Tescher/Levett Investments, Inc. If approved, it would be the first exchange under the concept.

Chris Tescher, who asked the city to consider such an exchange, appeared before the Planning Commission Dec. 13 for the fourth time this year on the project and said, "At this point this old dog will take whatever bones you can throw me."

Noting that he had revised the design for a house on the site and had his application continued twice when the city thought it might want to buy the land, Tescher said, "We are looking at the possibility of a trade. On the other hand, I hope I'm not going to be punished for my willingness to work with the city."

In the meantime, the commission voted to prepare a Negative Declaration on the property for public review and continued the public hearing until Jan. 22.

Among other private property that might be considered in property exchanges is the steep sloped lot east of Camino Del Monte north of Mission and Third and a ravine lot east of Torres between 10th and 11th Avenues, Planning Director Diane White reported.

City Engineer Clayton Neill prepared a list of potential city-owned building sites located in city street rights of way and not presently used as vehicular roads.

They were: San Carlos at the south of 2nd Street, 50 x 90 feet; Third Street east of Dolores, 50 x 100 feet; Mission north of Third Street, 50 x 100 feet; Second east of Monte Verde, 50 x 100 feet; Ninth Avenue between Junipero and Mission, 50 x 200 feet; Ninth Avenue east of Junipero, 50 x 80 feet; and Santa Fe east of 10th Avenue, 50 x 110 feet.

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The *Sun* makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

CARMEL

10TH AVENUE. Patricia Anne Wetmore to R. Thomas Development Inc. $450,000.

MONTE VERDE. Richard A. and Patricia C. Pogue to John A. & Liv S. Carver. $575,000.

LOWER CARMEL VALLEY

4225 CANADA LANE. Susan R. Frey to John Steacy. $115,000.

3599 EASTFIELD CT. High Meadow II to Robert L. Harris. $150,000.

UPPER CARMEL VALLEY

FORD ROAD. Theora C. Foster to Battista J. Cassano. $475,000.

8 PASO MEDIANO. Michael R. and Gersie J. Williams to Michael D. and Jeanne Gibson. $280,000.

SHERIFF NORM HICKS, right, accepts a check for $2,000 from Peter Coakley, president of the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC), Friday for the purchase of a police dog by a deputy serving the Valley area. Individual members of CVVIC contributed to the gift, which was presented at the group's annual Christmas party at Robles Del Rio Lodge. At the party, Leslie Voss, a real estate saleswoman, was honored as the organization's Rookie of the Year, recognition for a new member who contributed significantly to CVVIC's projects. Voss is serving as contributions chairman for CVVIC's third annual Village Affair, which will be held Jan. 20.

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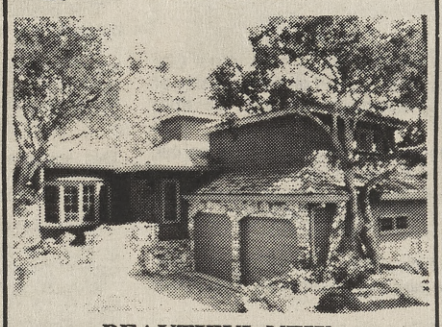

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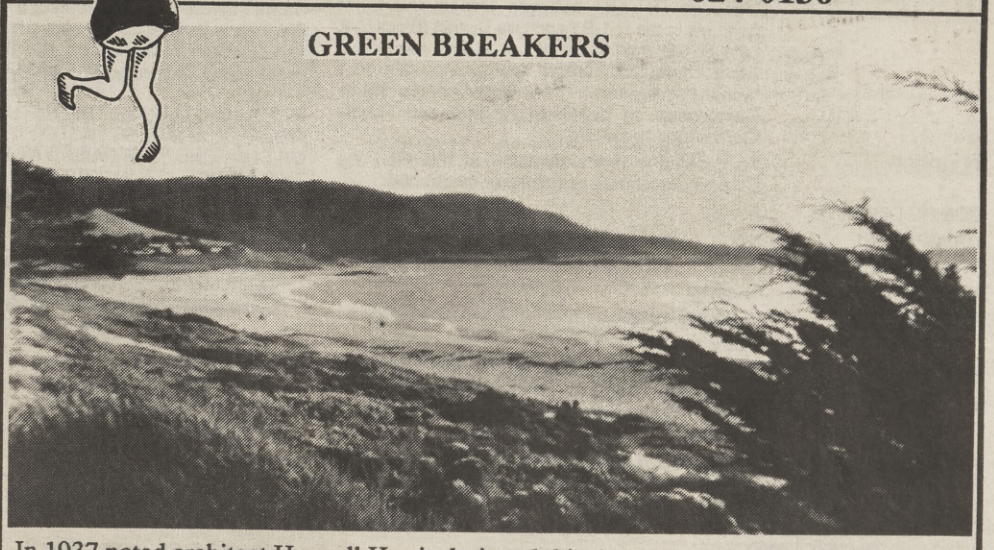

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will be reviewing a proposed Negative Declaration on 22 January 1992 in City Hall. The purpose of this notice is to encourage written public comment prior to taking action on the Negative Declaration. If the Planning Commission determines that there is no substantial evidence that the project could have a significant environmental impact, the Negative Declaration will be adopted. If there is substantial evidence that the project may have a significant environmental impact, the Planning Commission will require an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prior to taking action on the project. Persons interested in the proposed project may obtain a copy of the Initial Environmental Study and may review additional materials related to the project at the Department of Community Planning and Building. Written comments should be sent to the Planning Commission, Post Office Drawer G, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California 93921. Comments must be received no later than Friday, 17 January 1992.

Project Proponent: Tescher/Levett
Project Name: Rancho Pescadero Canyon
Tescher/Levett Project
North Side of 2nd Avenue between
Lopez and Palou
2nd Avenue Acreage, Parcel 5
Project Description: A proposed Negative Declaration for a Lot Line Adjustment not resulting in the creation of a new building site, a variance from the setback requirements, a variance from the height requirements, a use permit to allow a building site with a slope in excess of 30%, and a design study for a new single family residence in the R-1-PO Land Use District.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons bearing any interest in the matter, that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, will conduct a Public Hearing.

SUBJECT: Consideration of an appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission denying an exterior lighting plan for a single-family residence located on the east side of Scenic, fourth house south of Eight Avenue (Block A 1, Lots, 4, 5, and part of 6). The appellant is Frank Logoluso, represented by Mark Watson.
PURPOSE: To determine if the decision of the Planning Commission should be upheld or overturned.
ZONING DISTRICT: R-1-B
*COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA: n/a
DAY: Tuesday
DATE: 7 January 1992
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: The City Council Meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues.

Any court challenges made pursuant to decisions made by the City on this (these) proposed action(s) may be limited to issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the (Planning Commission, City Council, Forest and Beach Commission, etc.) at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said HEARING and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA.

(S) JEANNE BREHMER,
Jeanne Brehmer, City Clerk

DATED: 12 December 1991
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SUBJECT: Consideration of an appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission denying the installation of a fence on Del Mar between Ocean and Eight Avenues in the R-1-B Land Use District (Block C-2, Lots S 1/2 and W 1/2 of Lot 2) and requesting Council interpretation for appropriate uses on a "scenic" easement. The appellant is Kathy Rasmussen on behalf of Richard and Theola Clark, property owners.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons bearing any interest in the matter, that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, will conduct a Public Hearing.

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution No. 92-05 amending the exclusive franchise agreement between the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the John Roscelli Corporation
PURPOSE: To amend the contract between Carmel-by-the-Sea and Roscelli Corporation to provide for an adjustment in garbage collection fees
ZONING DISTRICT: Citywide
*COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA): n/a
DAY: Tuesday
DATE: 7 January 1992
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: The City Council Meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues.

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(S) JEANNE BREHMER,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons bearing any interest in the matter, that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, will conduct a Public Hearing.

SUBJECT: To consider Resolution No. 92-02 establishing fees for appeals of decisions of the Planning Commission and other fees regarding planning applications.
PURPOSE: To establish fees for appeals of the decision of the Planning Commission
ZONING DISTRICT: n/a
*COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA): n/a
DAY: Tuesday
DATE: 7 January 1992
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: The City Council Meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the city of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Wednesday, 8 January 1992. The public hearings will be opened at **5:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

IF YOU CHALLENGE THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR THE CITY COUNCIL AT, OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

1. Consideration of a draft ordinance amending Chapter 17.50 of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Municipal Code regarding appeals of Planning Commission decisions to the City Council.

2. DS 91-36
Anne Flynn
E/s Lobos bet. 2nd and 3rd
Block 20, Lot 12
Consideration of a design study for a substantial alteration to an existing single family residence located in the R-1 Land Use District.

3. DS 91-45
Susie LaLonde
W/s San Antonio bet. 12th and 13th
Block A-5, SE portion of Lot 2
Consideration of a design study for a substantial alteration to an existing single family residence located in the R-1 Land Use District.

4. SU-91-126
Barclay Ferguson
E/s Scenic bet. Ocean & 7th
Block C-1, Lots 5 and 6
Consideration of a request for a new subordinate unit based on hardship located in the R-1 Land Use District.

PLANNING COMMISSION
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
CARLA RAMSEY, CHAIRMAN
(s) Mary Jahr-Purvis
Secretary of said Commission

Dated: 13 December 1991
Date of Publication: 19 December 1991
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. 91-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.14.070.C, INCENTIVES FOR PRESERVATION, OF THE CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea General Plan contains an Architectural/Cultural/Historic Element which identifies the need to establish an ordinance to preserve significant buildings and sites within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Architectural/Cultural/ Historic Element establishes a voluntary designation process and the need to provide incentives to property owners to maintain, preserve and improve their significant properties; and

WHEREAS, the City's Land Use Code contains a Village Preservation Overlay District which is intended to preserve the unique architectural, cultural and historic character of certain properties which have contributed to the City's development; and WHEREAS, although the Village Preservation Overlay District was established in 1984, no properties have been so designated due in part to the lack of incentives to property owners for such designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE--SEA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. That Section 17.14.070.C of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

C. Zoning Standards. Exceptions to the zoning standards such as setback, height, number of stories, floor area, parking and landscaping may be modified through review and approval by the Planning Commission in accordance with the following findings:

Section Two. Violations. Any person, firm or corporation, whether as principal or agent, employed or otherwise, violating or causing or permitting the violation of the provisions of this ordinance is guilty of an infraction. Any part of any building erected contrary to the provisions of this ordinance is hereby declared to be unlawful and a public nuisance and the City Attorney shall, upon order of the City Council, immediately commence action for the abatement or removal thereof. Should any person, firm or corporation violate the terms of this ordinance and any action is authorized by the City Council or the City Attorney or is in fact filed for said violations, no other action shall be taken on any application filed by or on behalf of said person, firm or corporation until the litigation has been resolved.

Section Three. Severability. If any part of this ordinance is found to be unenforceable, such finding shall not affect the enforceability of any other part.

Section Four. Effective Date. The ordinance shall take effect 30 days after final adoption.

Passed and Adopted by the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea this 10th day of December, 1991, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Brooks, Fischer, White, Wright, Grace
NOES COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Signed, Jean Grace, Mayor
City of Carmel by-the-Sea

Attest:
Jeanne Brehmer, City Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed November 27, 1991
File No. F911974

The following individual(s) are doing business as:
VILLAGE PRESS: PUBLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS
68 Arboleda Ln.
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Richard Paul Morriss
68 Arboleda Ln.
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Barbara Jo Morriss
68 Arboleda Ln.
Carmel Valley CA 93924

This business is conducted by a husband and wife.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 26, 1991.

(s) Richard Morriss
Barbara Morriss

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed December 10, 1991
File No. F912040

The following individual(s) are doing business as:
EXPANDING HORIZONS
11 DE AMARAL RD.
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Dan Schwab
118 Lyon St.
San Francisco Ca 94117
Dan P. August
17546 Sugarmill Road
Salinas Ca 93908
Mara Cantor
11 De Amaral Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924

This business is conducted by a general partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Nov. 25, 1991.

(s)Dan August

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed November 27, 1991
File No. F911972

The following individual(s) are doing business as:
GYMBOREE OF MONTEREY PENINSULA AT CARMEL
San Carols between 8th & 9th
Carmel CA 93921
Kimberly H. Davidson
10-B Via Contenta
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Siobhan McMurray Greene
6 Via Los Zorres
Carmel Valley CA 93924

This business is conducted as a general partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on n/a.

(s) Kimberly H. Davidson

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed November 19, 1991
File No. F911912

The following individual is doing business as:
THE CASS LINE
7 Mentone Drive
Carmel Highlands CA 93923
GARY N. CASS
7 Mentone Drive
Carmel Highlands CA 93923

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 1, 1991.

(s) Gary N. Cass

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed November 27, 1991
File No. F911968

The following individual(s) are doing business as:
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100 Ford Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Jeffrey M. Frye
104 Ford Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Heath H. Matson
100 Ford Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Michelle Mudurian
104 Ford Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Linda R. Matson
100 Ford Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924

This business is conducted by a joint venture.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on n/a.

(s) H. Matson

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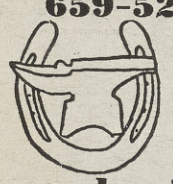

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed November 7, 1991
File No. F911850
The following individual(s) are doing business as:
K.M. CONSTRUCTION CO.
33801 Carmel Valley Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Kevin S. Raph
3322 Tivola St.
Santa Ynez CA 93460
Michael K. Bruington
1072 Cota St.
Santa Ynez CA 93460
This business is conducted as a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Nov. 11, 1991.
(s) Kevin S. Raph
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on date indicated by file stamp above.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed November 27, 1991
File No. F911973
The following individual(s) are doing business as:
GYMBOREE OF SALINAS
1212 Riker
Salinas California 93901
Kimberly H. Davidson
10-B Via Contenta
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Siobhan McMurray Greene
6 Via Los Zorres
Carmel Valley CA 93924
This business is conducted as a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on n/a.
(s) Kimberly H. Davidson
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Long-Pending Zoning Report Set For Final Adoption

By Isabelle Hall

Recommendations aimed at simplifying the complex Carmel Zoning Code and changing the city's commercial district boundaries were set for approval Wednesday by the Planning Commission in a report that is already a political issue in the 1992 election.

Commissioners, meeting at City Hall after the *Sun* went to press, were expected to approve seven recommendations for consideration by the City Council which requested the report a year ago after being frustrated with contradictions in the code.

Although the panel has never taken even a straw vote on what the actual boundaries of two new commercial districts should be, these will be considered in the final report.

"It would be negligent if the report did not address that," Chairman Carla Ramsey said. "It has been part of our discussion over the months and was not thoroughly addressed at the time."

The most popular choice for a new central commercial zone appeared to be one bounded by Fifth and Seventh Avenues with a buffer zone between it and the residential area, eliminating the current Service Commercial district.

"The current zoning district combined with the zoning restrictions create a separate market," the report noted. "Scarcity of space for certain uses creates a monopoly and drives the rents higher which eventually affects all properties...Just as the city has not been successful in 'encouraging resident serving business,' the SC District has not satisfied its intent to primarily serve local needs."

Many of the appeals to the Council result from the rigors of the code, creating situations the Commission has had to refer to the policy-making Council for resolution.

Former Mayor Clint Eastwood's building on San Carlos near Fifth Avenue, which is divided virtually in two by the Central Commercial District and the Service Commercial District, was one of the most prominent examples of how current zoning can create inequities.

A similar situation occurred last week when Peterson Conway was denied a use

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In Own Tourney

Padres Drop 2 of 3; Coach Still Upbeat

By Jim Rice

Carmel High School was a generous host for the 45th edition of its invitational boys basketball tournament, dropping two of three games. But Coach Rich Frank said he was not discouraged because he felt the Padres played better against Santa Cruz in losing than in beating some other teams. Carmel lost to Santa Cruz 58-47 in its final consolation bracket game.

Seaside—an upset victim of the Padres earlier this season—won the tourney, beating Porterville 41-38 in the finals.

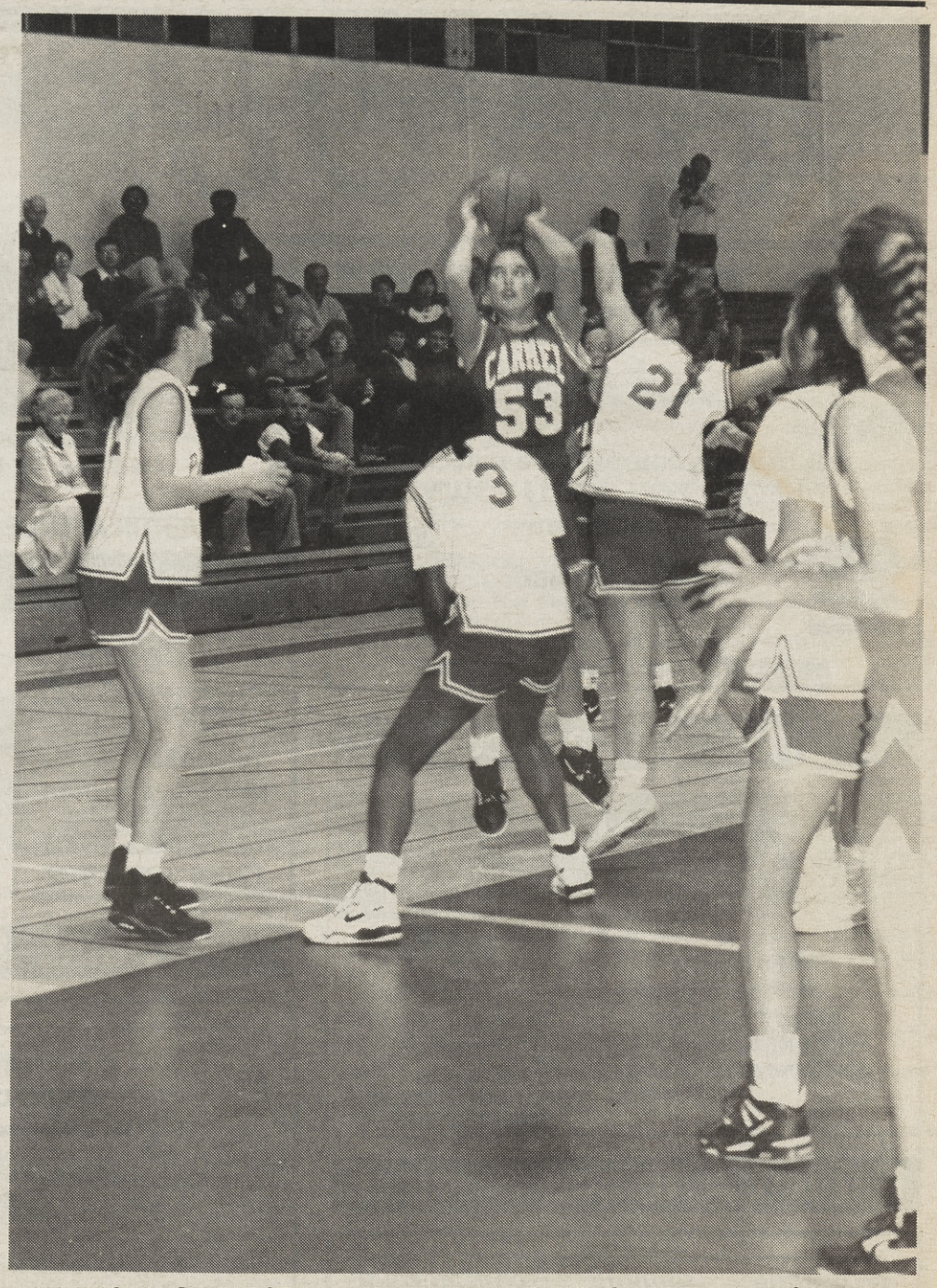
Frank praised the Padres' good guard play in the tournament, singling out Chad Franklin for an exceptional performance. He was also pleased with Carmel's defense against Rocco Raffo, the 6-foot-9 center from Salinas. The Padres edged Salinas 51-48.

In that game, the Padres held Raffo to 12 points while R. J. Powell scored 18 for the Padres and Franklin hit 16.

In the Santa Cruz game, the Padres lost Powell to fouls and found that even with an early game lead, they couldn't hold the Santa Cruz offense, Frank said.

Carmel opened the tournament by losing 42-39 in overtime to Los Lomas, the defending champion.

Frank told the *Sun* after a Tuesday night 40-38 loss against San Lorenzo, "We're kind of a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde team right now." He said the team didn't play well against San Lorenzo. "We've got to establish more consistency."



WINNING FIRST PLACE in the fourth annual Pacific Grove Breakers Classic girls basketball tournament was Carmel High School, which crafted a 32-27 final game victory over Burlingame. Above, Erica Murray draws a defensive crowd as she goes up for a shot from the floor. Murray was named to the all-tournament team along with Carmel teammates Erin Craft and Crystal Armstrong. Against Burlingame, Craft led all scorers with 15 points. Carmel gained the finals with a 50-41 win over Robert Louis Stevenson. In that contest, Murray was high with 15 points. Carmel Coach Lee White expressed satisfaction with his team's play in the tournament.

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